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## Iran raises peace hopes

### US made hostage crisis more difficult: Rafsanjani

TEHRAN, June 6, (Agencies): Iran's President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani held out hopes today for peace with Iraq and an end to tense relations with Britain and Saudi Arabia.

But he attacked the United States for what he said was its irresponsible, arrogant attitudes and actions which made Iran's efforts to end the Lebanon hostage crisis more difficult.

problem," Rafsanjani told a news conference at the presidential palace.

He held ont hope for an eventual peace with Iraq. But he said Iran was cautious over the motives of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, who sent two letters to Tehran

We have not given a negative reply to Iraq's proposal," Rafsanjani said. He added, however, that experts from both countries should first work out details in co-ordination with the United Nations, which sponsored the August 1988 ceasefire that halted the eight-year Gulf war.

Arab states welcomed the Iranian response to Iraqi peace overtures today, saying they opened the way to a new era of peace in the Gulf.

Chedli Klibi, secretary-gen-eral of the 21-member Arab League, said in a statement: "I can affirm the deep satisfaction of all (Arab) states at the clearing of the way for direct negotiations at the highest level between Iraq and Iran, to reach a peaceful settlement which opens a new era based on peace, security and stability in the

Arabian Gulf region." "When Iraq sent the letters, we were hopeful that Saddam Hussein had serious intentions. But what he did at the Baghdad summit shook our confidence" Rafsanjani said.

The Iranian president reiterated at the news conference that Tehran wanted to resume relations with Britain, broken in March last year after the late Ayatollah Khomeini ordered Muslims to kill British author Salman Rushdie for blaspheming Islam in his book "The Satanic Verses.

But he said Khomeini's death order had been made under sacred Islamic law and could not

Iran has been trying to separate what it sees as a political problem from the religious matter of the death order. It has said it would be satisfied on a political level if Britain condemned the insult to Islam as Iran's parliament had demanded.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said yesterday Britain was concerned over insults to Islam, just as it was concerned over insults to Christianity.

Rafsanjani said he did not know if this would be regarded as a condemnation, but added: "I have told the Foreign Ministry that whenever Britain complies with the ruling, it should go ahead and improve relations. .

He attacked the United States for failing, after the release of two US hostages in Lebanon, to press for the release of Muslims held by Israel and Iranians scized by Lebanese Christians.

"We expected a favourable

reply. I can say we did not get one," he said. He listed three factors that made it difficult for Iran to seek the release of more American

hostages. These included a US Senate resolution recognising Jerusalem as Israel's capital, US action "facilitating the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel," and a US veto to a proposed UN fact-finding mission to the occupied Arab

territories. "We contact those holding the hostages through third parties. The Lebanese have proven to be responsible towards release of the hostage." He did not elaborate this last remark.

Saudi Arabia deploys long-range missiles

LONDON, June 6, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia has completed the deployment of Chinese surface-to-surface missiles able to hit targets anywhere in the Middle East, according to Israeli intelligence sources

sweeper Juan Simon an elegant and experienced defender. He will be winning only his fifth cap due to his exile in the French League for quoted in a British magazine. Flight International said 120 CSSmost of the 1980s. 2 missiles, with a range of 2,700 km (1,700 miles), were now operational at Al Sulaiyil, 500 km (315 miles) south of Riyadh, and at Al Joffer, 100 Striker Claudio Caniggia, if selected, could become one of the stars of the tournament with his

electric turn of speed, skill on the ball and sharp finishing with feet km (60 miles) south of the capital. Each site has four to six concrete launcher pads for the missiles bought in a 1987 Chinese-Saudi deal which Israel says was brokered by Pakistan, or bead. according to Flight International.



MILAN, Italy, June 6, (Renter): All eyes will be on Diego

Maradona when Argentina begin their defence of the World Cup in

the opening match against Cameroun at Milan's San Siro

The Argentines are almost as much of an unknown quantity as when they set off on a brilliant run

But Maradona, their inspira-

tion of the 1986 tournament in

Mexico, has been in scintillating

form in practice games. His form

augurs well for the world cham-pions.

Argentina, and particularly

Maradona, will be wary of the

complacency that undermined Cesar Menotti's side defending

the title won at home in 1978. They

crashed to a 1-0 defeat to Belgium

in the opening match of the 1982 tournament in Barcelona.

Coach Carlos Bilardo has made

more changes to his team than Menotti did, only five 1986

veterans taking the field against Cameroun, unbeatenin their three World Cup matches in Spain

where they held eventual cham-pions Italy to a 1-1 draw in the

opening round.

Mexico veterans Nery Pum-

pido in goal, stopper Oscar Rug-geri and midfielders Sergio Bat-ista and Jorge Burruckaga form the backbone of the side along

Argentina have in 30-year-old

One of Bilardo's main concerns

has been to weld the old hands with

the newcomers in his squad and reduce to a minimum the chance of

with Maradona.

Stadium on Friday.

to the title four years ago.

Colombia's goalkeeper Rene Higuita goes through his paces during training in Bologna, Italy. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### Argentina **UAE to enjoy Cup** ready to Players realise achievement defend Cup title

BOLOGNA, June 6, (Reuter): Beseiged by the media and curious soccer beginning to appreciate the excitement of reaching the World Cup finals for the first time.
"Uotil we arrived here in Italy and they felt the atmosphere, I doo't

believe they realised what they had achieved," said the team's Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Parreira today.

Parreira, a former Brazilian national coach and involved io three

previous World Cups, found it hard to coovey the excitement to his squad of part-timers — teachers, airport workers, students, policemen and soldiers in day-to-day life — before they flew to Italy.

"It is a kind of experience that you can't transfer to somebody just with words - you have to feel it," Parreira said. "Now they are here they are

enjoying it very much."
The average soccer match in the UAE, whose soccer federation is only 19 years old, attracts less than 3,000 spectators, though the national team have played in front of 20,000 fans on big occasions.

But stepping out at Bologna's 38,000-seat Dell'Ara Stadium against Colombia on Saturday will be a new experience for the side.

Parreira will tell his men, who also face West Germany and Yugoslavia

in Group D, just to relax and enjoy themselves.

"The other teams will have all the pressure in the world on them when they face us," he said. "We are here to enjoy the competition and I think

"I don't have a problem as a coach," (West Germany's Franz) sekenbauer has a problem — he has to beat us not by 1-0 but by five or

Parreira, who has been coaching in the Gulf for 14 years and is reputed to be earning \$250,000 for his World Cup stint with the UAE, is enjoying

the contrast with his days as Brazilian coach. "With Brazil yoo have to win and there is oo other way — if you don't they will crucify you," he said.
"With the UAE you don't have to win the World Cup, you just have to

play as well as you can." Parreira does not expect his players to be tempted to try their luck as professionals in the world's bigger leagues after tasting life at the World

Cup.

"In the UAE they have a very good life. They live as well as any rich people in Europe and they drive Mercedes cars and BMWs. I can't see any of them being ettracted by the daily grind of a cluh in Europe where you have to get up early every day to go training."

### Sheikh Nasser appeals End sectarianism'

#### By Lima Al Khalafawi and Diana Abou Haidar

Arab Times staff THE Interim National Council is an opportunity for Knwait to discuss and solve its astute problems of sectarianism, tribalism and the stateless," said Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

Speaking last night to more than 700 people at the Kuwaiti Teachers Society, Sheikh Nasser stated that if these problems that are hidden because of affluence

"Any democracy should dissolve loyalties to sects, tribes and anything else except for one's country," said Sheikh Nasser adding that if such loyalties continue they will lead it to civil war. "This loyalty to tribes and sects is a product of the National Assem-

be heading into hard times

Sheikh Nasser lamented the methods that are being used by the opposition to convince voters of boycotting the elections describing them as "alien to the

(Continued on Page 11) were not solved, the country will

## Adkins didn't want to put her family through agony, says husband

PORTLAND, Oregon, June 6, (Agencies): The husband of a woman who killed herself on a doctor's "suicide machine" quoted her final statement as saying she didn't want to put her family "through the

agony" of Alzheimer's disease.

Janet Adkins, 54, committed suicide on Monday with the assistance of Dr Jack Kevorkian, 62, a retired Royal Oak, Michigan, pathologist who hooked her to a "suicide machine" he created that injected notassium chloride into her veins.

Adkins' husband Ronald, 57, said yesterday that his wife was a woman who "loved life." He said she was an adventurer who had climbed Mount Hood, travelled to the Himalayas, flown in hot-air balloons and spoke French.

"She was an exciting person," he said. "She loved philosophy, she loved reading good literature, she was a good musician, she played the piano. Really, she loved life

to the fullest."

tant in Portland, said his wife made the decision to kill herself when she learned that she had Alzheimer's,

Prosecutors today weighed criminal charges against Dr Kevorkian who hooked Adkins to a poison-injecting suicide machine that let her take her life with the press of a button.

"Her last words to me were something like, 'thank you, thank you very much,' Kevorkian said. "I wished her a good trip, Ronald Adkins, an investment consul- and as I leaned over her she seemed like she

was rising to meet me, perhaps to give me a kiss of gratitude."

The 62-year-old suburban Detroit doctoralsosaid the woman told him, "you just

ical. Prosecutors seized the machine and said they would seek a court order today banning use of the device while the case is

#### "If you make a mistake (at this

level) you pay dearly," Bilardo said. "I've been trying to build confidence between the new and experienced players. Survivors of Cameroun's 1982

side include 38-year-old forward Roger Milla, for many seasons a star in the French League, and goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono, 34, hero of the 1982 finals but now second choice.

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The way is now open for the United States to act, if they want to solve the hostage

16 killed in plane crash: A plane with 43 passengers on board crashed in the Amazon region of Brazil yesterday, the news agency Estado said.
Sixteen people were killed, according to initial reports.

The news agency said the Fokker plane was flying between Belem, the capital of Para state, and Cuiaba,

capital of Mato Grosso. It crashed near the town of Altamira in the Amazon. (Renter) Knwait renews support for Palestine: Knwait has renewed its commitment to continue its support for the Palestinian people in their just strug-gle to attain their national rights and to back up the Palestinian intifada against the Israeli occupation.

Iraq rejects US demand: Iraq has rejected a US demand for deporting Palestioian leader Mohammed Ahbas, who heads e tiny commando faction that claimed an abortive seaborne attack against Israel last week, Arab diplomats said yester-

Tujan was making call: Philippine security

forces captured e senior communist guerrilla leader while he was making a phone call in a Manila street-corner store, the military said yesterday,
Antonio Tujan, described by the military as a chief communist recruiter and ranked sixth in the hierarchy of the banned Communist Party, was the fourth guerrilla officer seized by government forces in two months. (Reuter)

Slayer says attack aimed at one: Ami Popper, the suspect in the massacre of seven Arab workers last month, claimed in a published miterview yesterday that his target was a single Arab who had molested him eight years ago. (AP)

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**VARIE** 

Olav continues to improve: Norway's 86-year-old King Olav continues to recover from a stroke and his pneumonia is nearly cured, his doctors announced yesterday. (AP)

108,000 drug users arrested: Some 108,000 drug addicts and snugglers have been arrested, 43 tonnes of narcotics hauled and 310 drug rings busted in a country-wide anti-narcotics campaign launched io Iran 18 months ago, the Islamic Republic Nows Agency reported yesterday. (AP)



'Shady lady'

Britain's shady lady' Hellen Mirren is slap bang in the centre of a new controversy over her latest film, Green-way eblack comedy The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her

The restless lady is profiled on Page 17



#### 'Golden girl'

Actress Anjelica Huston from the movie 'Enemies, A Love

'I don't have much patrance for people who make themselves victims... I think it's something women talk about to get sympathy,' says golden girl Anjalica Huston. (Interview on Page 17)

## down in Karachi

18 gunned

Jackson suffers chest pains

problems, and he will remain hospitalised, his.

Despite the apparent complications, the

Grammy award-winning singer's condition was described as stable and he was "resting com-

fortably," spokesman Bob Jones said. Jackson was admitted to St John's Hospital

and Health Centre on Sunday night after

experiencing chest pains during a dance-exer-

He was to have undergone a battery of tests

spokesman sald.

cise session at his home.

Pop superstar Michael Jackson experienced a new round of chest pains, delaying the completion of tests designed to pinpoint his health his condition," caused by new chest pains,

KARACHI, June 6, (Agencies): Masked gunmen ambushed a bus carrying workers to their jobs today, killing 18 people and injuring 10 in renewed ethnic bloodshed in Prime Minister Beoazir Bhutto's home

The shooting, which shattered five days of relative calm in Pakistan's largest city, occurred shortly before a peace conference of 25 political par-ties and ethnic groups opened, seek-ing ways to end the violence in Sind

But the Mohajir Qaumi Movement a party representing Muslim Indian immigrants blamed for the violence, refused to attend.

About two hours before the meettaking workers to a cement factory about 35 kms (20 miles) outside Karachi, authorities and witnesses said. The factory was owned by an opposition leader in the Senate who was gunned down by snipers two

ks ago, authorities said. According to witnesses, the gun-men forced the bus to stop, ordered the passengers off and then asked each his nationality. "Those who said they were Mohajir were shot,"

said one witness. Provincial Chief Minister Aftab Shahaban Mirani appealed for peace as he opened the conference he convened to find a solution to the ethnic

and political violence. Representatives from 21 of 29 political groups invited attended the

But absent were two important groups, the MQM and the national-ist Jiye Sind movement.

## Stone attack on comrades

Jackson under some stress.

delayed some scheduled testing, Jones said.

"Michael is a positive person and his spirits

are never low." Jones said.
The hospital said Jackson, 31, has received

The clean-living, lean pop star, who shuns alcohol, cigarettes and junk food, has no history of serious health problems. But Jones said

the recent deeths of his maternal grandmothe

and of entertainer Sammy Davis Jr had put

many flowers and greetings from fane."

Soviet unrest toll 40

MOSCOW, June 6, (Reuter): Police fired shots in the air today to disperse students throwing stones at Communist Party leaders in the capital of Soviet Kirghizia, where The official Tass news agency said the violence.
The official Tass news agency said the violence spread to
the capital, Frunze, with students hurling stones at Medet Sherimkulov, secretary of the repoblic's Communist

Party, who had come to speak to a mass rally.

"To avoid aggravating the situation, the police were forced to fire warning shots in the air," Tass said.

The agency said the students had gathered in the morning to demand more information on the unrest, which broke out on Monday between indigenous Kirghiz and ethnic Uzbeks in the town of Osh. It later spread to other

areas in the surrounding valleys.

Tass quoted the republic's Interior Ministry as saying disorder was "planned and organised" but that the situa-tion in the capital was under control. In Moscow, the Speaker of the Soviet Parliament, Anatoly Lukyanov, told deputies that about 40 people had died and 200 were injured in the disturbances. He said

fighting was still raging in Osh.

Army units had been drafted into the area from the neighbouring Republic of Turkmenia by agreement with the Soviet Defence Ministry.

The casualties included 21 policemen, he said, but did

not specify whether they were killed or injured.

A spokesman for the Soviet loterior Ministry in Moscow predicted it would take some time to bring the unrest

"This is a mass disorder, a real catastrophe," he said. A resident of Frunze told Renters by telephone that local authorities had begun evacuating Uzbek students

local authorities had beginn evacuating Uzzbek students from the city after Kirghiz residents attacked them.

The majority of residents of Osh are Uzzbeks and most of the casualties in the lighting in the town were Kirghiz.

"The first reprisals took place this morning in the market," he said. "All Uzzbek traders were beaten up and thrown out. Kirghiz students began hunting down and beating up Uzbeks. There were injuries but no deaths."

Kirghiz students attending meetings at various points in the city, he said, were demanding permission to go to Osh to "help our brothers."

make my case known." As it became known, prosecutors considered whether it was illegal and medical professionals debated whether it was eth-

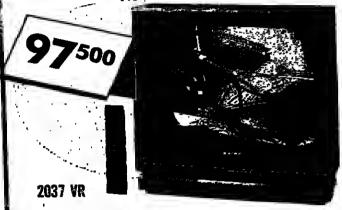


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## Mahabharat becomes a national 'obsession

NEW DELHI. (CSM): Every Sunday morning, just after nine, Rajneesh Sharma tunes in his television for what he calls the "highlight of my week."

Like millions of other Indians, he is transfixed by the "Mahabharat," a TV version of the Hindu epic that has

become a cational obsession.

"Penple identify easily with the Mahahharat. They admire the characters and find the questions and issues very bonest," says the businessman, who is videotaping the 91-part series.

The Mahahharat the model's learner and the same and t

The Mahahharat, the world's longest poem, has captivated Indians for centuries. The classic, revolving around the epic struggle between two families of hero-kings, has powerful religious and philosophical overtones in this majority Hindu nation.

The latest version has combined the much-loved epic with the expanding medium of television. In the last decade nr two, the number of television viewers here has exploded. From just 5 million viewers in 1975, there are almost 130

In recent years, television has become the entertainment mainstay for many Indian families. TV dramas and situa-

tion comedies are nightly fare in millions of households. However, nothing has galvanised viewers like the telev ised Indian epics. First, there was the "Ramayana." in 1988, a religious and moral tale about the god-king Ram. which mesmerised Indians on Sunday mornings for two

Now, the Mahabharat, whose supernatural heroes also suffer from human foibles, is proving even more popular. Every Sunday, according to India Today magazine, about one-eighth of the 800 million Indians thrill to the heroics of

the Mahabharai kings.

Normally frenzied cities and towns come to a near-halt. as villagers crowd around community televisions and urban families disconnect the telephone to prevent interruptions. An estimated 91 per cent nf all Indian TV viewers watch the Mahahharat.

The series has a powerful draw, social observers say. because it combines the glitz and melodrama of Indian tilms with a contemporary message. Issues such as women's rights, dynastic politics, caste barriers, and family intrigue and conflict over property rights ring true

"After the Mahahharai is over, it often triggers debates within families," says Raj Rani Sharma, a government employee who is as addicted to the series as her son, Rajneesh. "The show brings out the latent Mahabharat in

every family."
The televised Mahabharat also invokes middle-class Indians' nostalgic attachment to history and tradition in the face of growing Westernisacon. For the first time, the show has acquainted many young Indians with a part of their culture that they had jettisoned for the modern.
"There is a crisis of modernisation. Indians feel they are

leaving behind traditions which have brought stability to their lives." says Romila Thapar, a prominent Indian

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cling to."
But there is a darker political side, observers say, at a time of growing Hindu lundamentalism and rising ten-sions with neighbouring Pakistan over the disputed state

Critics charge the show's producers have taken many liberties with the original to deliver a strong call for Hindu revivalism. To capitalise on the series' clout, the right-wing

Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party has recruited Mahahharat actors for anti-Pakistan rallies. By popularising a classic that is a cornerstone of Indian culture, social abservers say the televised Mahabharat has achieved universal appeal, even for the poorest of Indians. "It's a familiar story in which magical things happen."

says Thapar, the historian. "If you live a bleak life in dismall surroundings, this transfixes you because unlike your own life, there are actually solutions to many problems."

## Positive Pakistan response

### Kashmiri militants attack security forces: 3 killed, 36 injured

ISLAMABAD, June 6, (Reuter): Pakistan has decided to respood positively to Indian proposals for reducing the threat of war over Kashmir and will urge New Delhi to open

talks, a senior government official said today.

The government will probably announce its official response on Thursday, but it has already told Indian diplomats in Islamabad that it is ready for talks.

"Our attitude is positive. We would like to have a commencement of talks on these

proposals, although we have our reservations on the contents because they do not

address the central issue of Kashmir," the official said.

Exactly what the Iodian proposals consist of has not been made public. No decisioo has been madeoo a venue for the talks or their diplomatic level, but he said

Pakistan would be flexible.

India decided unilaterally last week to withdraw an armoured divisioo poised close to its border with Pakistan and offered a series of other confidence building measures that

#### could lower tensioo over Kashmir. Both sides have moved troops

Golden Temple sealed for army raid 'versary

AMRITSAR, June 6, (Agencies): India poured police and paramilitary troops into the Sikh holy city Amritsar today to prevent protests oo the anniver-sary of India's invasion of Sikh-dom's sacred Golden Temple.

Police detained at least 400 Sikh hardliners in Punjab state and harred thousands of devotees from the temple, where 1,000 people died when troops stormed it to oust separatist militants io "Operatioo Blue Star" on the night of June 5-6,

Businessman Harbans Singh, 55, wept as he told reporters outside the Golden Temple: "I have been coming to the temple these many years. There were reasons to stop pilgrims during Opera-tioo Blue Star, hut I don't see any reason today.

The crackdown in Amritsar, near the Pakistan horder, marked a tougher staoce hy Prime Mioister Vishwaoath Singh against separatist violence threatening his government in Punjab and in Muslim-majority

Kashmir state...
Police said they took leaders of the militant All-India Sikb Students Federation and hardline politicians, including members of parliament, into preven-tive detention to thwart militant plans to take over the temple for protests.

Witnesses estimated that 4,000 police and paramilitary troops, many armed with automatic weapons, blocked roads into the



Sikh extremists armed with automatic weapons and a traditional sword stand guard over the Goldan Temple. (Reuter (olorlogriw

city and barred all hut a few women, elderly men and con-servative religious leaders from the temple complex.

There were no reports of violence as police arrested leaders of the students federation outside the temple and held back a crowd that at one time grew to about 1,000.

Police sources said authorities bad impounded at the roadblocks about 100 vehicles, many of them tractor-trailers brioging villagers to the complex.

"I will take no chances,"

Gupta told reporters. "We shall allow no political meeting inside the Golden Temple complex."

At least 30 people died in separatist violence in Punjah where police yesterday arrested 500 people in an attempt to thwart a rally on the sixth anniversary of the army-assauft

on the Golden Temple. Among those arrested was Simranjit Singb Mann, a prominent Sikh leader and the president of a faction of the United Akali Dal Party, and two

Security forces remained oo alert throughout the northern state, where Sikh separatists have been waging a bloody campaign for a theocratic Sikh state,

Security force erected roadblocks around Amritan, with articles to detain buses and use passengers who attempt to reach the shrine.

Mann and other arrested leaders were taken to an unknown destination, police said, adding they were expected to be released after the end of the anniversary.

fidence building without addressing the issue that is causing the lack of confidence?" he said. to prevent possible violence. 7778

lack of confidence? he said:

""" Meanwhile clashes, between
armed separatists and security
forces left three people deadwird

36 detiers injured in Srinagal
today, police and witnesses said.

Police said militants staged

three separate attacks on security forces before authorities reimposed a curfew on some parts of the city just bours after announcing a 12-bour relaxation of the restriction.

up to the border in the past few

weeks and fears grew they could go to war over a Muslim seces-

sionist uprising in the Indian-ruled part of Kashmir.

Delhi yesterday that the with-

drawal of the armoured divisioo from a forward position io the

Raiasthan desert was underway

Despite the withdrawal,

India's military posture remains

threatening, the Pakistani official said, and Islamabad

would like to see more forces

redeployed to peacetime posi-

But the main issue for Pakistan

is Kashmir. Up to now India has

refused to discuss the future of

Kashmir or its security crack-

down oo secessionists because

New Delhi regards the uprising

Pakistan is not imposing pre-cooditions, the official said, but

the Kashmir dispute must be dis-

cussed at some stage if talks are

"How can one talk about coo-

as an ioternal affair.

to get anywhere.

but would take several days.

An Indian official said in New

## Film on Rushdie causes row in UK

LONDON, June 6. (Reuter): Britain's opposition Labour Party called today for a han oo a Pakistani film which depicts the death of British author Salman Rushdie.

The film "International Guerrillas," which portrays Rushdie as a decadent pro-Israeli playboy dedicated to the overthrow of Islam, has been playing to packed houses in Pak-

The real Rushdic has been in hiding since Iran's late spiritual leader. Ayatollah Khomeini, told Muslims to kill bim, charging that his novel "The Satanic Verses" hlasphemed Islam.

The row over the film erupted as Iran dashed bopes in the West that if might rescind the deaths sentence. Iranian spiritual leader Ayatolah Ali K hamenci said that? Rushdie sbould be handed over; to British Muslims and killed.

· Labour foreign affairs spokesman Donald Anderson said the film, im which Rushdie is eventually struckedown by bolts of lightoing in a tropical island hideout, could hurt race relations in Britain.

He said he opposed censorship aod many people would consider the film absurd.

"But since it apepars to be taken seriously by all sorts of people elsewhere, I think it could. have a damagiog effect on race relations, and J. believe there is a case for banning it in this comp.

try, he said. Frances D Souza of the Sai-than Rushidie defence committee said the film should be banned only if it broke the law.

This film is bloodthirsty. It is not beneficial to the safety of Mr Rushdie," sbe told British Broadcasting Corporation telev-

ich i

#### a transit for Nigerian drug smugglers **Bombay** -

NEW DELHI, June 6, (Kuna): Many Nigerian nationals have established a oet-work of global connections in the drug trade, with Indian port city of Bombay emergiog as

an important transit point. The Indian Narcotic Cootrol Bureau personnel have seized 490 kilogrammes of heroio in Bombay in the last four mooths, showing increase in drugs-related smuggling.

The authorities in the past two years bave arrested over 120 foreigners, who were involved in smuggling of heroin and other narcotic drugs. Of these over 100 were

Nigerians.

The airport authorities have intercepted numerous Nigerians trying to coter India on forged passports and fake visas. Over 260 Nigerians were arrested alone io 1989 in this connectioo. Some of the Nigerians managed to enter India through Bombay more than once even though they were in possessioo of

The modus operandi, according to narcotic officials, follows oo set pattern. A oumber of Nigerians enter India masquerading as husinessmen, who are interested in huying jewellery, but these traders are often drug

Many Nigerians are working for professional gangs. These Nigerians adopt a circuitous route such as Bombay, Nairobi. Addis Ababa and Ahidjan. Who are careful not to travel to Western countries directly from India as this would arouse suspicions.

The heroin is mainly carried in wax polish tins, false hottom suitcases, false album covers, stuffed dolls and tomoto juice tins, some even conceal drugs to their rectum.

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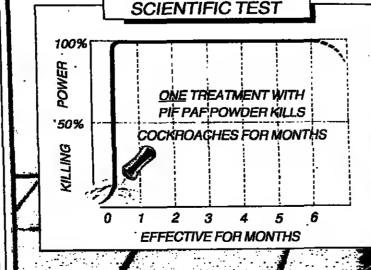
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## Cabbage reduces cancer danger

WASHINGTON, June 6, (Reuter):Researchers said yesterday they found a chemical in cabbage and other vegetables they believe lowers the risk of breast cancer but said it is unlikely drug companies would want to market the chemical because it cannot be patented.

We have identified the compound in cruciferous vegetables such as cabbage, broccoli, brussels spronts and cauliflower which appears to act in a way which should be protective," said scientist Leon Bradlow of the Institute for Hormone Research in New York.

Bradiow and colleague Jon Michnovicz, writing in this week's journal of the National Cancer Institute, said they think the chemical, known as indole-3-carbinol, reduces breast cancer risk by speeding up a particular process by which the body metabolises the female hormone

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Several previous studies have suggested that people with diets rich in vegetables like cabbage and broccoli have lower cancer rates than the general public.

#### Action

**But Bradlow and Michnovicz** are the first to come up with evidence that the protective effect is due to the action of indole-3-carbinol.

Their study found that taking a concentrated dose of the chemical did speed up a par-ticular oestrogen metabolism process in bumans.

Furthermore, they have since demonstrated -in a second, asyet unpublished study — that feeding indole-3-carbinol to tumour-prone mice: markedly reduced their cancer risk, Bradlow said in a telephone

But further study is needed before it can be learned whether the chemical will work the same way in humans, Dr. Christopher Longcope of the University of Massachusetts Medical School said in an editorial in the same issue of the NCI journal.

To prove the effect in women would take a three-to-five year study and "we would love to doit if we could get the funding," Bradlow told Reuters.

The researchers purs project because they speculated that women would balk at being told by their doctors to eat a round of cabbage a day but might be willing to take pills containing the concentrated chemical.

"I suspect that drug compan-ies would not be interested in marketing the chemical because a patent could not be obtained on it." Bradlow said.

## Bone marrow transplant can cure breast cancer

TOKYO, June 6, (Reuter): Doctors are finding that some forms of advanced breast cancer may be beaten with a new

technique involving temporary removal of the patient's bone marrow and massive doses of chemotherapy.

Breast cancer, among the most common forms of cancer afflicting women, can be cured about 50 per cent of the can be cured about 50 per cent of the time with surgery, radiation or chemotherapy. But when these fail can-cer spreads and can kill, on average within two years.

Doctors have been unable to attack

spreading cancer with more powerful drugs for fear of damaging other body organs, especially the sensitive bone marrow which generates blood cells and maintains the immune system.

The new technique seeks to circumvent this risk by extracting, deep freezing and later replacing a patient's own bone marrow.

A new review of clinical results of the

treatment indicates that it could offer hope to the most seriously ill patients.

The data are encouraging, but we an associate professor at Harvard Medical School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and author of the review, said

in an interview in Tokyo.

Antman presented her findings at an international symposium on drug resistance in cancer chemotherapy held recently in Tokyo. Her survey is being submitted to the Journal of Clinical Oncology, a scholarly publication on

the study of tumours. The data, from 13 centres in the

drawn from 258 women who had already received standard therapy for breast cancer which had spread from its

original site.
With the new treatment 58 per cent achieved a complete response, meaning cancer could not be immediately detected. Thirty-two per cent had no evidence of recurrences during followup intervals of 12 to 42 months.

"I think this shows that high doses of anti-cancer drugs coupled with autologous bone marrow transplantation (using the patient's own marrow instead of a donor's) can be a very effective form of treatment," Antman

More than 20 centres have started using the technique and the number is growing, but it is still too specialised to be adopted more broadly.

"It needs to be done in special centres with good infectious disease departments, good blood banks and dedicated units," she said, adding that the procedure costs from \$60,000 to

Antman said that she had to

intervene on behalf of patients with American insurance companies, but that in nearly all cases insurers eventually paid.

Bone marrow transplantation has been used for decades to combat leukaemia and other blood cancers. But its use for advanced breast cancers, for which standard dose chemotherapies

are ineffective, only began in 1983.

It has risks — an average nine per cent of all patients do not survive the procedure — but is a good gamble for those whose prognosis is grim.



#### Suicide device

CHICAGO, June 6, (Reuter): A.

new post-mortem test on brain

tissue can clearly confirm an

indicator of Alzheimer's disease

understand the malady, resear-

The test, developed by Abbott

Laboratories, can detect the

presence of a protein associated

with the disease in more than 85

The researchers, who work for Abbott, published their findings

in the current issue of the journal

the American Medical

chers said yesterday.

per cent of cases.

A 54-year-old woman suffering from Alzheimer's disease killed herself on Monday with a device invented by a retired doctor who watched as she made the fatal injection, police said.

The doctor, Jack Kevorkian (shown above), of Royal Oak, Michigan, then called police. Janet Adkins, of Portland, Oregon, died about five

or six minutes after she pushed a button on the device, which injected a lethal combination of drugs Into her system, Kevorkian told the Detroit News.

"She told me she wanted to take her life whila sha was still clear in her mind and knew what she was

Detect Alzheimer's disease.

Post-mortem tests

Until now the disease has been

most usually confirmed by brain

tissue samples after death that

sbow characteristic fibrous

The new test may help scient-

ists recognise changes in the

brain before those tangles are formed, thus furthering knowledge of the incurable dis-

Alzheimer's disease gradually

erases the memory, leaving vic-

tims confused and eventually

unable to perform even the basic

case, the researchers said.

knots and tangles.

Morgan was imprisoned for 25 months for defy-

doing," Kevorkian sald. He was not available for further comment.

Ha said the suicide occurred in a van in suburban Detroit whan he connected Adkins to a cardiograph machine and the suicide device. The apparatus works intravenously, using thiopental to induce a coma and potassium chloride to stop the heart, he

"This is a new one for all of us," said Sergeant David Haire, an Investigating officer with Michlgan state police, "We considered it a medically-assisted suicide." (Reuter wirephoto)

Cancer

linked to

high fat

WASHINGTON, June 6, (UPI):

A study of 3,500 Chinese and

Chinese-Americans supports the suspicion that dietary fat and lack

of exercise may boost the risk of

colorectal cancer, researchers

Colorectal cancer is the second

leading cause of cancer death in the United States, killing more than 60,000 people each year. "Because colorectal cancer is

such a high-impact disease and

because therapy has resulted in

limited success, more attention needs to be directed toward iden-

tifying its (causes)," said the University of Hawaii's Abraham

Nomura, in an editorial accom-

panying the study published in the journal of the National Cancer

Nomura called the sweeping look at dict, physical activity and

#### PEOPLE AND PLACES

LONDON, Queen Elizabeth is finally showing her age on a new banknote which portrays Britain's 64-year-old monarch with a double chin, wrinkles and

with a double cam, wintkies and slight bags under her eyes. "It makes me look so old," the tabloid Sua newspaper on Wednesday quoted the queen as telling artist Roger Withington, who designed the new juste. who designed the new note.
"But then I suppose I am old."

The Bank of England insisted the queen had aged gracefully on the turquoise note, whose portrait updates the one on the old blue five-pound (\$8) note and other denominations by 25

years.
The monarch's profile on coins and stamps also dates from the 1950s. (Reuter)

PINE BLUFF, Arkansas: Tim Newton did more than show off his fiancee at his 10-year high school reunion. He married her.

Newton told a friend at the weekend gathering of 1980 Star City high school graduates that he and Tracy Byford had their wedding rings and marriage license. He joked that if a minister were present they'd tie

Then the friend revealed that he was an ordained ministe That was all it took, said the new Mrs Newton, 20,

"Everybody just kept on going, 'y' all ought to get married." she said. (AP)

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario: A US stuntman is missing after going over the Niagara Falls in a kayak, Canadian police said. A red kayak belonging to the

28-year-old man from Tennessee was recovered below Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side, "all in one piece" said Maureen Quina a constable with the Niagara parks police. But she said authorities "found nothing else, just the kayak. Nobody's been found." (AP)

CHICAGO: Earnings may be fine on pirates and punkrockers but not on a rural town's policemen, an appellate court ruled.

The 7th US Court of Appeals ruled Monday that peotone patrolmen Gary Zybak and Marvin Rathert cannot wear their ear studs - even when off

"I really shouldn't comment about the appellate court ruling without talking to my attorney but one thing is certain - I'm not quitting the force or leaving peotone," Zybak said Monday night in a telephone interview.

SAVANNAH, Georgia: Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. the nation's largest producer of business jets is developing a device to reduce jet engine noise on commercial airlines, the company's chairman said

Tuesday.

Allen E. Paulson said be has filed for a patent on the device which he said will "extend the life of planes, cut the operating costs and help meet government regulations."

He said it could be in production within two years.
(AP)

ANKARA: Three more babies are on the way to join a family of 44 in eastern Turkey, but the proud father, who earlier broke a promise to the Turkish First Lady that he would stop, has again sworn that enough is enough, a family planning

group said Tuesday.

Mehmet Sirin, of the village
Kizilagae some 500 miles (800 km) east of Ankara, recently confessed to family planning officials that three of his four wives were again pregnant.

Sirin, who already support a family of 44 children, is bracing for the new comers, but told family planning officials "these last three might just be enough." (UPI)

MARKLEYSBURG, Pennsylvania: Shaken residents of this tiny mountain hamlet wept Tuesday near a charred patch of ground outside the town hall where four men, including a father and two sons. were electrocated while moving a flag pole.

The four men, two of whom served on the town council that met Monday night, died when the 38-foot (11.6 metre) pole they were holding fell against

high-voltage power lines. Killed Monday were Borough council president Robert Friend 59, his sons Randall Scott Friend 23, and Robert Friend II, 22, and councilman Keith Coppett 35, all of Markleysburg, said state trooper Richard Veil. (AP)

EVANSTON, Illinois: The heads of 1,000 major American companies and the presidents of 1,200 US universities, asked to name the book that most affected their lives, most often singled out the Bible, according to a survey released on Tuesday.

Twenty-five per cent of those questioned cited the Bible, four per cent named Charles Dickens a Tale of Two Cities" and two per cent mentioned the Book of Mormon, the poll said. Other than those three no book was mentioned twice. (Reuter)

### US mag labels Trump, Khashoggi Cheapest 'zillionaires'



Trump and fellow multimillionaire Adnan Khasboggi — a man with his own problems were the only two of 13 wealthy sorts stung in a Spy magazine

How bad are things for million-

aire Donald Trump? Well con-

sider this - he recently cashed a

cheque for 13 cents.

operation which answered its cover story question "Who is America's cheapest zillionaire?" Spy created a legally incor-

porated company named the National Refund Clearinghouse and opened a cheque account. They then sent out refund cheques of \$1.11 to 58 well-known, wealthy people.

Twenty-six people — including Khashoggi, Trump, hotel owner Harry Helmsley, actors Cher, Michael Douglas, Shirley Maclaine and author Kurt Vonnegut - cashed the cheque.

The magazine went back to the people who cashed the eheque, then sent each one a 64-sent cheque to cover a "computer error." Thirteen people cashed these, including Trump and Khashoggi, prompting a showdown for the title.

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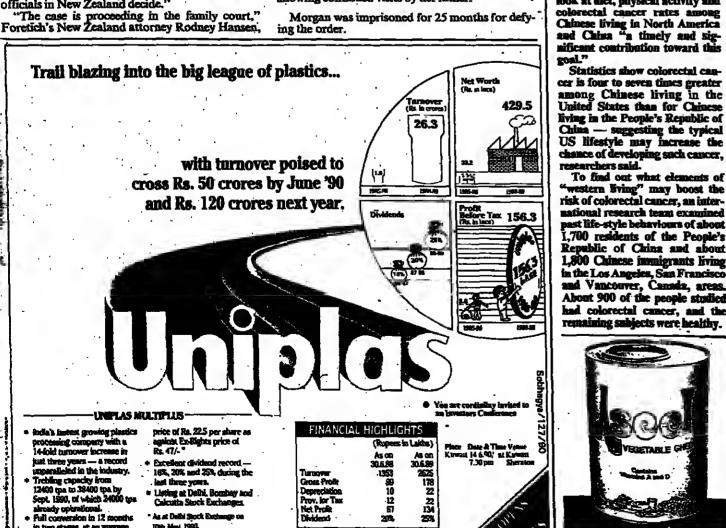
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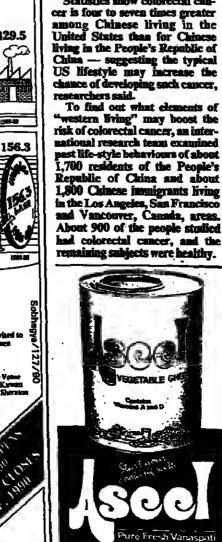
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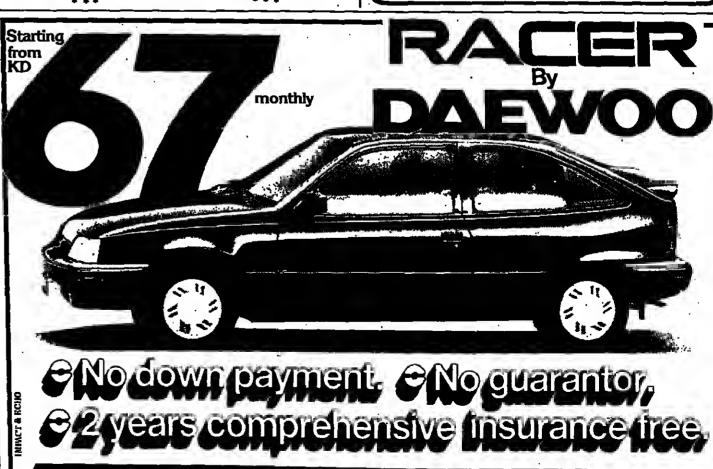
#### Foretich won't give up fight to visit daughter FALLS CHURCH, Virginia, June 6, (AP): A man told the New Zealand Press Association last night. NZPA earlier quoted Foretich as saying he was whose former wife went to prison rather than allow giving up his battle and was resigning himself to him to visit their daughter said yesterday he has not stopped fighting to see the child, who now lives in Hilary living in New Zealand with her mother, New Zealand with her mother. Elizabeth Morgan. "I just feel it's better for her that I don't engage in a Morgan, a plastic surgeon, hid Hilary in New Zealand to evade a Washington judge's 1987 order allowing continued visits by her father. full-blown court battle," Dr Eric Foretich said of his -year-old daughter Hilary. "Let the immigration officials in New Zealand decide."



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Wreckage inspection

A fireman looks at the wreckage of a glider cockpit on Tuesday after the glider collided with a US Air Force F-16D jet fighter. The glider pilot died on the collision while the jet sustained minor damage and returned to Hahn Air Base. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Bush, Barco in farewell talks

Focus on drug war, aid

WASHINGTON, June 6. (UPI): Presideot Bush and outgoing Colombian President Virgilio Barco had a farewell meeting at the White House yesterday where they reviewed their mixed success in the war against South American cocaine cartels.

Barco, who escalated the battle last year with the backing of the United States, also again urged Bush to help drug-ravaged Colombia bolster its trade so that it will be in a better financial position to carry on the struggle.

We talked about the cooperation that Colombia needs." Barco, who leaves office Aug 7, said following an Oval Office meeting with the president.

A chief goal of Barco is to obtain a new international coffee agreement, as well as more favourable trade conditions. Last year's collapse of world coffee prices has already cost the Colombian economy more than \$500 million.

White House deputy press secretary Bill Harlow said Bush and Barco, during their 40-minute talk, discussed negotiations involving the international General Agreement on Tarrifs and

Trade. Harlow said Bush made no commitment other than to tell Barco the United States "is working on ways to provide Colombia" with favourable treatment. Barco told Bush that his suc-

cessor, President-elect Cesar Gaviria Trujillo, "would con-tinue the drug fight," Harlow

Gaviria, a one-time ecocomist elected president on May 27, has proposed no concessions in his nation's war with drug traffickers. Like Barco, be supports the extradition to the United States of suspected Colombian drug kingpins.

Bush and Barco briefly examined the state of the drug war since a Feb 15 narcotic summit in Cartagena, Colombia, that produced a joint drug-fighting agreement between the United States, Colombia, Peru

and Bolivia. On the law enforcement side, authorities in Colombia last month confiscated record amounts of cocaine. And in Bolivia, due to the crackdown, the price of cocoa, the crop used

to make the drug, has dropped dramatically. But violence bas raged on with numerous drug-related assassinations. And dozens of ranches and estates seized last fall from traffickers have been returned due to Colombian judges finding

no legal reason to bold them. Representative Charles Rangel, Democrat of New York, chairman of the house select committee on narcotics abuse and control, said in a statement:
"If we want to see this battle continue and ultimately won, we will have to give more than moral support for courage."

Suspected guerrilla kills deputy

### Rebels black out Lima, 3 hurt in bomb blast

LIMA, June 6, (Reuter): Maoist guerrillas exploded a car bomh last night in central Lima, injuring three people, and hriefly plunged the city into darkness by downing power pylons five days before Peru's presidential elec-

The Maoist Shining Path rebels blew up power pylons in three outlying districts, casting the city of seveo million people into darkness for about 15 minutes, police said.

During the blackout, a car bomh ripped across a street in central Lima a few blocks from the presidential palace, wound-

ing three people and damaging nearby huildings, police said. The attacks appeared to be Shining Path's response to President Alan Garcia's statement on Monday that police had smashed the group's operations in Lima by seizing five houses used as hideouts and cap-

turing 35 alleged rebels. The elections on Sunday have been preceded by feverisb

speculation in the US dollar as Peruvians rushed to buy the currency as a hedge against uncertainty before the voting.

The inti, the local currency. tumbled 10 per cent yesterday, on the unofficial market to 61,590 to the dollar after presidential candidate Alberto Fuirmore said he would create a new currency pegged to the dollar if elected.

The drop brought the currency's slide to 43 per cent in the past

three weeks. Fujimori, the son of Japanese immigrants, said in a television dehate with his centre-right rival Mario Vargas Llosa on Sunday that he would abolish the inti and invent a new currency on par with the dollar.

Exchange houses were packed and people pushed and shoved to turn their salaries into dollars with sidewalk money changers in

central Lima.
Police said the parliamentarian died instantly, while the gunman fled on foot.

## Professor claims solving 'Piltdown Man' mystery

solved the mystery of who perpetrated the 1912 "Piltdown Man" fraud that rocked the scientific community and provided fodder for a decades-long

controversy.

Dr Frank Spencer, anthropology professor at Queens College, said yesterday that the names of many prominent scientists, and even mystery writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, had been mentioned as 'suspects" through the years.

But his research, bolstered by that of Australian nistorian Dr lan Langham, points the finger at Sir Arthur Keith, a well-respected anatomist and con-servator of the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Spencer lays out the premise for the fraud in two new books to be published this fall by Oxford University Press.

anada's leaders emerged from a

13-honr meeting yesterday expressing confidence they were closing in on a solution to a constitutional crisis that threatens the

country's unity.
"I've switched from my pes

simism to thinking there is a chance," said Premier Don Getty

of the western province of Alberta.
Prime Minister Brian
Mulroney said he and the 10

provincial premiers had not struck any firm agreements but achieved

more progress by the end of the third day of talks. The source of the politicians' optimism appeared to be a

Quebec's status as a distinct society within Canada, and its

ratification by the June 23

deadline is essential to check a

growing separatist movement in the discontented French-speaking

"No doubt the climate is much

improved over yesterday," Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa

said as he emerged from the meet-

Bourassa said he felt the two

stannebest opponents of the

accord, Premiers Gary Filmon of

Manitoba and Clyde Wells of

Newfoundland, appeared slightly

"I don't say Mr Wells and Mr

Filmon have accepted that Meech Lake must be ratified by June 23,

but I found in their attitude more

openness than I felt yesterday," he

Filmon said he was glad that all the disputed issues had finally been put on the table. He com-

plained previously that some of his

province's concerns had not come

up in the talks that began on Sun-

"Today they were dealing with

There was speculatinn that

Mulroney, the author of the 1987

Meech Lake accord, as crafting a

package of proposals that would allow the recalcitrant premiers to

approve the accord without losing

Bourassa, under pressure from

Ouerec's nationalists, held to his

line that the Meech Lake accord

must be ratified as it stands. But be

said he recognised that the Senate

must be reformed and he was will-

ing to consider changes in another

The outlying provinces want to transform the Senate from a body

nf politicians appointed by the prime minister into an elected

chamber along the lines of the US

Senate in order to offset the power

of the populous central provinces Quebec and Ontario, in the elec-

Published reports said the

preliminary agreement on Senate reform would set up a commission

to study the matter and also would

tion of the less populous provinces.

reform was one of Wells' con-

cerns, he stressed again on Thurs-

day that the premiers still had a

way to go to reach an agreement

"We're not there yet," he said.

The accord, which would

include Quebec in the 1982 con-

stitution, was struck three years

ago and approved unanimously by Mulroney and the ten-ruling

on Meech Lake.

Although the issue of Senate

ntee a rise in the representa-

ted House of Commons.

face in their home provinces.

all of the issues on the agenda. We're doing the work we should be

more flexible.

day night.

doing," he said.

round nf talks.

accord recognises

Piltdown, a small village in England, made inter-national news in 1912 when a skull and jaw of what became known as the "Piltdown Man" were discovered in a gravel pit

"It was sensational because it offered a completely different view of evolution at the time."

But in 1953 the discovery was completely dehunked when it was learned the remains were actually a human skull -- only a couple of hundred years old with an orangutan's jaw fused to it.

Still, the larger question of whodunit remained. Suspicion immediately fell on Charles Dawson, the country lawyer who made the discovery, but the scientific community believed someone else had to

The names of scientist William J. Sollas, philoso-

creator of Sherlock Holmes who lived nearby, kept coming up. But there was never any proof and often

"The general feeling was that Piltdown was contrived to hring somebody down, make someone in the scientific community look silly," Spencer said. But that theory didn't work because "if that was the case, why didn't anyone ever do that?"

Spencer said once he began looking at the evidence with the viewpoint that Dawson's co-conspirator was someone who had something to gain intellectually, not monetarily. He began to look at

But his search for documents collided with the efforts of Langham, a professor at the University of Sydney in Australia, and Spencer said he "backed

When Langham died in 1984 without concluding his research. Spencer said Langham's widow asked

him to continue her husband's work. He said the turning point was entries in Keith's diary "in which he indicates be had information about the site and events at Piltdown ... which he wouldn't have had unless he was an inside member

of the group. This was really the crux of the thing."

Spencer said be and Langham also uncovered the fact that Keith, a scientist who backed the theory of evolution that came out of Piltdown, had met with Dawson a year before the discovery and again, just

several months before.

Though Spencer believes he and Langham have cracked the Piltdown mystery, doubting Thomases

#### Canadian Kids face greater leaders closer to risk from pollution progress OTTAWA, June 6, (Reuter):

40,000 die daily under 5 years of age: Unicef

Letelier probe request rejected: Chile's supreme court on Tuesday rejected a request for an Inquiry into the 1976 assassination of a former

Chilean diplomat in Washington.

The court ruled that it had no jurisdiction to appoint a special investigative judge to look into the killing of socialist leader Orlando Letelier, con-

sidered the worst act of foreign terrorism in the US

The investigation was requested by Letelier's family, who believe former military ruler General Augusto Pinochet's secret police were ordered to kill

Letelier, the influential former Chilean Ambassador

Amnesty say probes ineffective:

Amnesty International criticised Latin American

governments on Tuesday for their poor handling of investigations into attacks on buman rights defen-

In a letter to the Organisation of American States meeting here, the London-based group said: "Amnesty International ... advises that the investiga-

tions undertaken have been slow and inefficient and

almost invariably came up with no concrete results.

Ecuadorean rebels pledge: The main ten-ist guerrilla group in Ecuador announced on Tuesday

it would disarm and enter civilian life as the nation's

16th political party. Pedro Moncada, leader of the Alfaro Vive Carajo

(AVC) guerrillas, told reporters the group would hand over its arms "as soon as possible" after talks

In July "after the World Cup (soccer champion-

ships) we will begin a campaign of affiliations to petitlon for our legal registration as a political party," Moncada said at a news conference. (Reuter)

University occupation, ends: The govern-

ment returned the national university campus to its civilian administrators Tuesday, ending a military occupation that began in November when a rebel

onties will know how to take care of our future generations." Education Minister Rene Hernandez Valiente said during a brief ceremony on university

Review fired Sandinistas: The government agreed Tuesday to review the cases of hundreds of

Sandinista workers who have been fired since President Violeta Chamorro took office, allegedly

because of their politicial affiliations.
"The Labour Ministry is calling for all those work-

ers fired after April 25, in violation of the work codes,

to apply for review to their respective departments, after which their individual situations will be dealt

with according to the law," a ministry statement said Tuesday. (UPI)

Brazilian union leader shot: A Brazilian

trade union leader who campaigned on behalf of landless labourers has been shot dead in the Amazon

area, his union said on Tuesday.

Sebastiao Francisco Da Silva, 51, was shot on Sanurday night in the town of Santa Fein Para state.

He was a director of the union of rural workers of

Maraba, one of the biggest towns in Para. (Reuter)

Spanish family sues US: The family of a

Spanish news photographer killed during the US invasion of Panama December 21 has sued the US

The photographer, Juantxu Rodriguez, was shot dead while he was photographing action in front of the Marriott Hotel in Panama City. He was on assignment from the Madrid newspaper El Pais.

The parents of Rodriguez said that US soldiers shot their son and the Spanish government asked the

US government for an explanation of the circumstances. (UPI)

Andean villages evacuated: Gas spewing from a volcano forced the evacuation of 1,500 from six towns in southeastern Peruvian Andes, a civil

"We turn over the campus confident that its auth-

offensive turned the area into a battleground.

to the United States. (Reuter)

with the government.

grounds. (UPI)

LONDON, June 6, (AP): Children face far greater risks from global pollution than adults, according to a United Nations report released

\*Children are too often the victims of pollution — their young bodies make them far more vulnerable than adults to the poisons we spew into the air, and toxins we sow on earth," said the Unicef report, "Children and the environment."

Launched on World Environment Day, the report, compiled in association with the United Nations Environment Programme, listed

**US navy marks D-Day 'versary** 

US warships steamed toward Normandy Tuesday.

retracing the D-Day invasion route on the eve of the 46th anniversary of the Allied attack with a display of

The evants are part of celebrations to mark the birth

centenary of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the suprema

allied commander in Europe who masterminded the

opening of a Westarn European front during World

His namesake nuclear-powered aircraft carrier

cruised across the English Channel toward the

French coastal region of Normandy, where ceremon-

ies ara planned on Wednesday to honour those who

It encountered none of the obstacles that faced tha

5,000-vessel invasion flotilla, which daparted from

British ports on June 5, 1944, bearing nearly 200,000

men through counding seas to meet German adver-

Above: Eisenhower's son John Eisenhower shows

off a framed photograph of his father gven to him by

the men of USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. (Reuter wire

photo)

Cuomo running for re-election: Gov.

Mario Cuomo, often mentioned as a potential 1992 presidential contender, is running for re-election

gain with his party's unanimous support for a third,

four-year term.

Although he wasn't at the state democratic convention when he gained the nomination hy acclama-

tion, heappeared Monday night at a reception put on

by his campaign committee.

"The ideas, the emphasis, the commitment that brought us this far are the ideas, the emphasis and the

commitment that will carry us the rest of the way, no matter how far that is," said Cuomo, 57.

At a subsequent news conference, Cuomo said the

campaign's overriding issue would be "the future. What do you do about the 21st century and how do

you get us there? Who has the capacity to get us there?" [AP]

Barry may call campaign manager:

Marion Barry's lawyers said Tuesday they may call his campaign manager and an indicted former city official as defence witnesses at the mayor's drug and

US martial prowess.

America

many of the ills facing children in developing and developed countries

■ Forty-thousand children under five years of age die daily, ■ Some 100 million children live on the streets, where they are forced to scavenge, steal and often fall prey to drugs, prostitution and gangs,
■ An increasing number of children are Aids orphans, whose parents

have died from Aids, ■ The number of children living in poverty in the United States has risen by more than three million over the last 10 years.



## Salinas calls for 'clean'

growth, but we won't tolerate polluting industries to operate mdefinitely," Salinas said.

yushu city in Japan, recognised "We'need clean and not dirty for outstanding contributions to preserving the environment. Among those to receive the award was British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, praised by the United Nations for mak-

ing environmental concerns a prominent part of her national and international agenda. The ending of the cold was provides a unique opportunity reached the time for action."

for the great powers to confront the real threats to planetary survival," the report said. Sir Richard Attenborough, as the report was issued, called on governments and banks in

Despite the discouraging catalogue of poverty, sickness and death, the report said improved international co-

operation on the environment offered hope, as does the new warmth between superpowers.
"As the shambles of global

environmental destruction

spreads our children are dying.

They are the victims of our greed," Mostafa Tolba executive director of the UN

environment programme, told

sored world environment day

gathering in Mexico City, one of

the most polluted cities in the

UN officials were to present

global 500 awards later to 74

individuals and groups, includ-ing a Chinese village and Kitak-

Tolba addressed a UN-spon-

developed countries to work together on the third world's appalling debt." The report emphasised, "our

generation's responsibility to protect the earth we bequeath our children," and suggested that improving infant mortality rates and educatioa in developing countries should receive priority.

US

#### **Mixed progress** made in clean up of environ

WASHINGTON, June 6. (UPI): The United States has achieved only 'mixed' success in cleaning up the environment since 1970, but the improvements came during two decades of strong economic growth, a White House report said yesterday. In its 20th annual report on the

state of the environment, the White House council on environmental quality said its review of pollution trends since 1970 showed the nation was learning how to maintain economic prosperity while preserving clean air, water and land. In particular, it cited substan-

tial decreases over the past two decades in air pollutants such as lead, sulfurdioxide and soot even though the nation's economy has grown by about 70 per cent in real terms. "Over the past two decades the

presumed linkage between economic growth and environmental degradation has been broken," said Michael Deland, chairman of the council, in his introduction to the 494-page report.

growth

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, opening World Environ-ment Day celebrations in the metropolis regarded as the world's most polinted, said yesterday "clean development" and global political action are the keys to solving environmental degradation.
We won't slow down our

development, Salinas Iold world leaders and environmentalists gathered in Mexico, the site chosen by the United Nations to host the 1990 World Environment Day
"With global military spend-

ing, in one day we could reforest the world as never before in his-Salinas said. "We have

A mass planting of trees was conducted in recognition of the World Environmental Day, and officials predicted more than I million would be planted in Mexico by day's end. Tree planting ceremonies also were planned at : Mexican embassies around the world.

Events for this year's World Environment Day, which carries the theme "a better planet for children," included an annual state of the environment report and numerous seminars and worksbops, the organising committee said

Homero Aridjis of Mexico's group of 100 conservationist organisation said his greatest concern for Mexico City is air pollution.

The ozone levels in Mexico City in one bour are double or triple what we should have in a year," Aridjis said.

Mexico City is known as the ' world's most polluted metropolitan area, with 2.5 million vehicles producing an estimated 80 per cent of the smog that darkens city skies most days.

Recent efforts by Mexico to counter the problems of air pollution include vehicle emissions controls and a programme requiring motorists to keep their cars off the road one day a week. Salinas announced a fivepoint programme for environ-

mental clean-up in Mexico. The programme includes the distribution of unleaded gasoline in Mexico by the end of the year, the cleaning and rational use of a water, strict anti-pollution measures for industry, massive reforestation and conservation of fauna and flora.

On May 28, the government banned the killing of sea turtles. Environmental groups hailed the action as a first step toward ending what has been the largest killing as an endangered species in the world.

#### Changon museum speaks volumes about the culture of violence that Medellin is famous for

defence official said Tuesday.

government for \$1 million.

MEDELLIN, June 6, (Reuter): It isn't much to look at — it isn't even open to the general public — hut a small museum here speaks vlumes about the culture of volence for which Medellin is notorious.

The museum, known as the Changon, is located inside the heavily-guarded headquarters of the Colombian army's 4th hrigade in the centre of

It is dedicated to the city's so-called Sicarios, young assassins enlisted in Medellin's teeming slums to kill on behalf of drug barons. Portraits hanging in the museum include that of a

bahy-faced 14-year-old who was convicted of killing 18 people during his short-lived career as a hit-man. "Sicarios are the true children of drug traffickers," said an army officer, who provided Reuters

with a guided tour of the museum. "They are the children," he explained, "because

they are pulled out of extreme poverty when they're as little as six or seven years old and brought up by the lieutenants or underlings of drug lords and

Weapons on display at the Changon - a corruption of the English word shotgun - include a vast array of sawn-off shotguns, pistols and semiautomatic weapons, most of them homemade. For silent killings, there was an ice pick-like device disguised as a riding crop and a crossbow piston with a telescopic sight.

Sicarios have been blamed for the killings of presidential candidates, an attorney general, a newspaper publisher and senior army and police officials among other prominent Colombians.

The Sicarios have also been hlamed for killing more than 60 policemen in Medellin since April as part of a drug-related terror campaign.

Medellin residents say many Sicarios work on a freelance basis and will kill for as bttle as \$45. "There are neighbourhoods, like the Comuna of Nororiental, where there are plenty of these guys

around," a local taxi driver said of a sprawling slum on the northeastern outskirts of the city.
"I don't recommend you go there but I'll take you if you want," he said. "Life is cheap, life is worth

nothing here." nothing here."

There are reports — impossible to confirm — that
ou a big contract some Sicarios will carry out a

practice killing to test their mettle.

## Feminists wantmale curfew to stop rapes

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, June 6. (Reuter): Feminists have reacted angrily to police advice that they should stay home at night after a spate of brutal rapes shartered New Zealand's reputation as a peaceful society. Instead they now want a curfew to be

imposed oo men. "Our sex shouldn't be punished for what men are doing," said Maria Mac-Millan, an activist in the oorth island

town of Hamilton.

certain time at night only if accompanied by a woman. "It would be a nice turnaround of the tables because women have for so long had to go out with men to be safe on the streets," she

"Men should stay at home at night. In the past it has always been women who stay at home.

The streets of New Zealand towns and cities are still relatively safe by

international standards. But the brutality and frequency of recent rapes, particularly io Auekland, New Zealand's biggest city, have shocked the public.

Police advised women not to go out alone at night and to secure their homes after a pregnant south Auckland woman was raped repeatedly by two men who entered her home through an open window on May 5.

The same night a woman in central

Auckland was dragged into an alley by a man who attemped to rape her, while a woman in Christchurch who had been waiting for a taxi, was raped and beaten in an hour-long ordeal.

Days earlier aoother Aoekland woman was brutally beaten in a rape attempt in a city centre car park.

Police figures show that reported sexual assaults on women jumped to 2,033 in 1989 from 1,359 in 1985. MacMillan said the idea of a curfew

for men who mooted 25 years ago hy the world's first womao prime minister, Israel's Golda Meir, after a series of rapes in Tel Aviv.

But chief inspector Dave Smith said the police advice was realistic. "Some of the sanctioos some womeo are advocating, that violence by men be eradicated and eursews imposed, are totally unrealistie.

"Police agree teen-age women hitchhikers have the right to accept riders

they lound no explosives

from strangers and not to be molested. But it is unwise to do so."

Women's Affairs Minister Margaret Shields told Reuters the police advice

was sensible. "I doo't think the problem can ever be solved simply by locking people up." she said.

Asked if violence against women was increasing, she said: "I don't think we have any figures that can suggest that.

### **BBC-TV** to air film on Hiroshima

LONDON, June 6, (AP): BBC-TV is to air a second documentary exploring American motives for dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, after receiving complaints that last year's film was biased.

The corporation said yesterday that the programme to be broadcast in its "Timewatch" series beginning in September. will give the views of historians who disagreed with the original

"One of our programmes will be looking into the cold war and examining when and how it started," said a BBC spokesman, who requested anonymity.

Timewatch" specialises in reappraising famous historical events. It aired the first programme "Summer of the Bomb" last August.

The Freednm Association, a right-wing group, protested that the film was biased in saying the atomic bomh was dropped for political reasons — to deter Soviet ambitions in Southeast Asia -- and that it led to the cold

The programme was onesided and was an attempt to shift the blame of the cold war onto the US" said Gerald Hartup, eampaign director of the Freedom Association.

The association said it particularly objected to a statement in the film by Americao historian Gar Alperovitz that "there is no doubt that the bombing of Hiroshima was also the begioning of the cold war and of the arms



American arrested

An American arrested after an alleged bomb threat on a Pan Am jettiner has been charged under Britain's aviation safety laws, police in Scotland said on

Swaeid Ebrahimi, 37, a US citizen from Long Beach, California, made a brief court appearance and was ordered to remain in custody for seven days, said prosecutor Will Andrew.

Ebrahimi was not required to enter a plea. His court-appointed attorney, Robert Campbell, said he denies all offenses and denies that he told anyone there were explosives on a Pan Am Boeing 747.

Police blew up two pieces of baggage (above) taken from the plane but said

#### mad cow beef officer UK threatens retaliation BRUSSELS, June 6, (Reuter): The European Economic Community farm ministers have a showdown meeting today over 'mad cow' disease in Britain, an ailment that has prompted France and West Germany to ban imports of British beef des-

pite London's protestations that Community farm commissioner Ray MacSharry yesterday pledged he would take France and West Germany to court if occessary over their ban on Brit-

ish beef imports. The two countries imposed their ban last week, saying they were worried the 'mad cow' disease afflicting British herds might spread to humans.

British scientists say cows caught the disease, bovine spongiform encephalitis (BSE), because they were given food made of rendered-down carcas-ses of sheep that had a similar disease, scrapic.
Britain has protested that the

import bans are a dishonest way for Bonn and Paris to protect their own falling markets, and the EEC has told both countries to lift the ban.

Britain is prepared to retaliate if import restrictions are oot lifted, Agriculture Minister John Gummer was qnoted as saying

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The Daily Telegraph newspaper said Gummer told a private meeting of British politicians yesterday he was prepared to impose retaliatory import bans.

The Daily Mirror newspaper said Gummer would target soft cheese and eggs, themselves the subject of listeria and salmonella... poisoning scares, for any trade reprisals.

Nearly 14,000 British cows have been slaughtered since 1988 after showing symptoms of the

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said yesterday that the French and West German bans on British beef are "quite illegal" and she insisted there was oo health danger.

"British beef is safe," the prime minister said during ques-tioo time in the House of Com-

'Those who have banned it have done so more as a measure of protection for their own far-

Conservative Party lawmaker

Our beef's the best: Thatcher

John Watts said it would be improper for Britain to respond in kind, but he urged British consumers to use their purchasing power to boycott French goods, including "appalling French golden delicious apples."

Another Tory, Alan Amos, was cheered when he said he had

eaten British beef for lunch and medical evidence showed it was "perfectly safe."

The EEC farm ministers, who will hold one-day crisis talks on the issue, will hear the latest evidence on the disease from the EEC veterinary committee which meets earlier in the day.

MacSharry told a news con-

ference that he and his fellow commissioners would also meet to discuss the issue of the combina-tion of all three that we will resolve the issues. If we don't, the legal measures that are open will be taken," he said. This could involve taking France and West Germany to the European Court

Acting on previous advice from the veterinary committee, the EEC has stopped exports of live calves over six months old from Britain, and requires meat to be separated from offal and other tissue that might be a potential transmitter of the dis-

"I say quite clearly...that aris-ing from the action we have taken in the community and in member states, that beef is safe," MacSharry said.

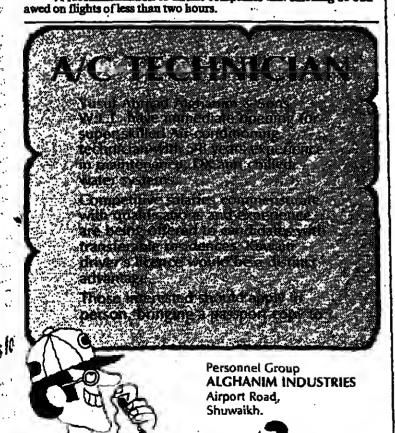
Brazil institutes new package

## **Anti-smoking measures**

RIO DE JANIRO, Brazil, June 6, (AP): The government has issued a new package of anti-smoking measures in an attempt to discourage a habit shared by an estimated 54.6 million Brazilians.

"With these measures the government assumes its responsibilities in pointing out the risks of cigarettes to all its citizens," Health Minister Alceni Guerra told the prominent newsweekly Veja in this week's

The measures, which went into effect as of this month, include: — A prohibition on sales to people under 18 years of age. - A ban on TV advertising for cigarettes between 6 am and 9 pm. A prohibition on the distribution of free sample packages.
A recommendation to airline companies that smoking be outl-



Alghanim

## defects BRUSSELS, June 6, (UPI): A young officer of the Soviet secret

service in Brussels recently defec-ted to the United States and revealed his contacts in Brussels including several high-placed per-sons, Brussels daily La Libre Bel-

gique said yesterday.

The newspaper said they included a Western ambassador in Brossels, an assistant to European Economic Community con sion President Jacques Delors, a high official of the Defence Ministry and a member of the office of Interior Minister Louis Tobback.

It said the assistant to Delors was involved in the negotiation of agreements between the EEC and East European countries.

A commission spokesman said: A commission spokesman official has been, in the framework of his duties, in contact with the

(Soviet) person in question." The spokesman specified, however, this official "was neither an assistant to the commission president, nor in charge of negotiating agreements with the East European countries."

The community in the past two years has coucladed trade and economic co-operation agreements with Hungary, Poland, the Soviet Union, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.
The spokesman refused to

say whether he was still in function.
Commission sources said it was normal that several officials had

contacts with Soviet diplomats in the line of their duties. A commission spokesman said:
"It is correct that a commission official has been, in the framework of his duties, in contact with the

(Soviet) person in qu The spokesman specified, however, this official "was neither an assistant to the comm president, nor in charge negotiating agreements with the

East European countries."

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years has concluded trade and co-operation with Hungary, Poland, the Soviet Union, East Germany, Czechosłovakia and Bulgaria.

La Libre Belgique said the KGB officer was flown to the United States without any warning being given to the Belgian

Members of the Belgian Army's information service later were allowed to question him in the United States, the paper said.

The newspaper said the KGB service in Brussels was the third

most important one in the world after Washington and London. Brussels houses the headquar ters of the European Econ munity and of Nato.

#### **Paris** Vandals break into high school

PARIS, June 6, (AP): Vandals broke into a high school, painted swastikas on the walls and left behind blood-soaked human skulls and bones, police said today.

. The vandalism was discovered yes-terday when students returned after a three-day holiday weekend to the Bernard-Palissy . High School in Gien, on the Loire Riber about 120 kilometres (76 miles) south of Paris. The intruders, who apparently climbed in through a window, painted swastikas and Stars of David on

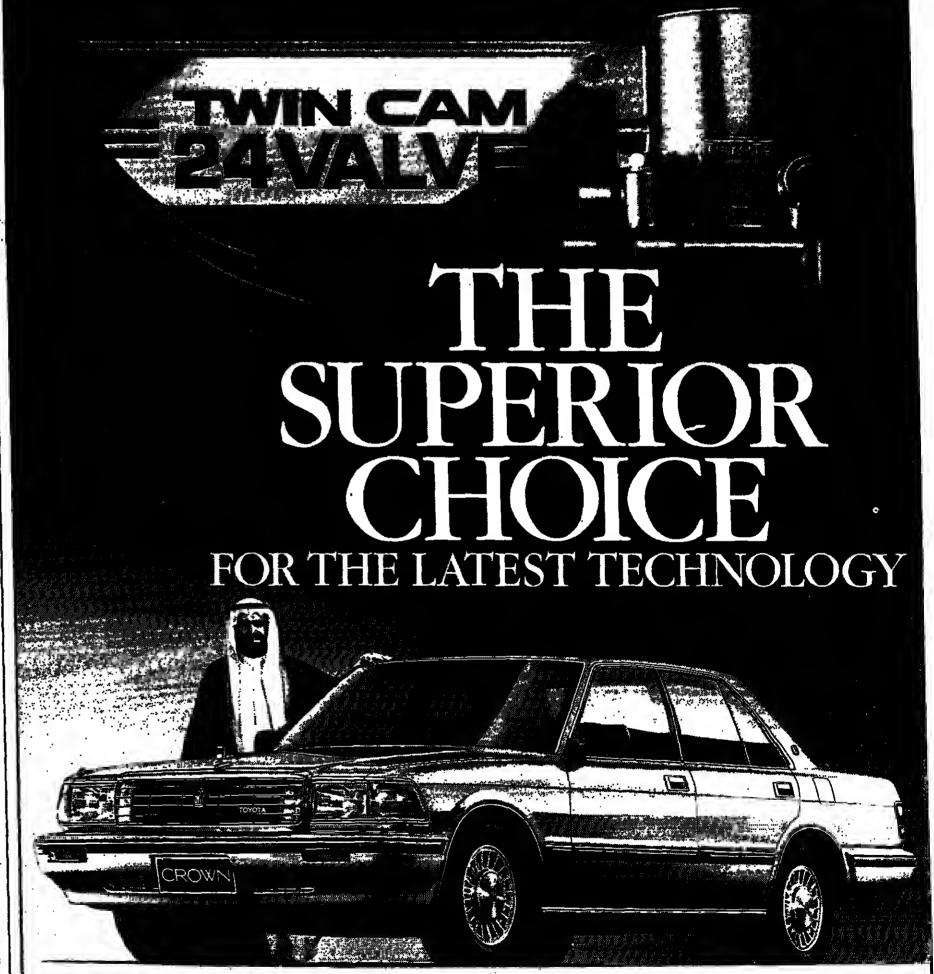
the ground floor, cut telephone cords, then went to the second floor and left blood-covered human bones, including about six skulls, police said.

Slogans were written on the walls in German. Tests were being conducted today to determine when the bones were dug up and where the blood came from.

#### Police charge UK coach-crash driver

PARIS, June 6, (Reuter):French police charged the driver of a British coach which crashed killing 11 tour-ists with manslaughter today, a Brit-ish embassy spokesman said. John Johnston, who was injured in Sunday's crash, was also charged

with involuntary wounding and The 52-year-old driver was placed in police custody in hospital yester-



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## **Fighting** goes on despite pledge

SURIN, Thailand, June 6, (AP): Forces loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk were engaged in heavy combat inside Cambodia today despite Sihanouk's pledge a day earlier that his guerrillas no lon-ger would light in the 11-year-old conflict.

Rocket and artillery fire could be clearly heard from this Thai border province as Sihanouk forces engaged those of the Hun Sen government in Cambodia.

'There is heavy fighting now," said Roland Eng spokesman for Sihanouk's guerrilla organisatioo. "Nothing will change for now. In Tokyo there was only an agreement, not implementation of a ceasefire. The fighting will cootioue."

Sihanouk and Premier Hun Sen signed a communique in Tokyo yesterday that said all of Cambold as warring faction "should refrain from all offen-sive actions" and that there should be measures to ensure a "military standstill."

#### Vague

Although the vaguely worded communique fell short of being a ceasefire agreement, Sihanouk told reporters his own forces and those of his noo-communist allies, the Khmer People's National Liheratioo Front, would oot take part in fighting inside Cambodia. Sihanouk said the war would

continue between the Hun Sen side and the Khmer Rouge, which boycotted the Tokyo con-ference sessions and did oot sign the communique.

Eng said no orders had been received from Sihanouk io Tokyo to halt battlefield activity. He said it was his understanding that the ceasefire would not actually go into effect until a later

Guerrilla sources said Carabodian government troops were trying to push back a 2,000-man guerrilla offensive that had seized much of a strategie highway io Baotey Meanchey province in northwestern Cam-

Meanwhile, in Bangkok, Thailand, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev accused the Khmer Rouge guerrillas of obstructing efforts

toward peace in Cambodia.
"I can't say for China, But I think the Khmer Rouge abuse somehow the freedom that they have, and very often their actions run counter to interests of all parties concerned: the conflicting parties and the countries concerned; against the interests of the international community." Rogachev told reportes. .

The Soviet Union is the main backer of Hun Sen's govern-ment, and opposes the Khmer Rouge, who are primarily sup-ported by Chioa.

Rogachev is in Thailand to attend the 46th session of the UN Economic and Social Commissioo for Asia and the Pacific.

He said ways must be found to draw the Khmer Rouge back into the peace process. "It is a pity that the Khmer Rouge avoided signing this document.

But the Tokyo meeting was oot the final stage in the peace process, and there were some positive signs, he said.

Rogachev said he still was optimistic that further talks on Cambodia expected to be held in Paris could result in a freezing of arms supplies to all sides in the

#### Captured

Forces loyal to Sihanouk said they had captured three towns io central Kompong Thom in the past week.

A Sihanoukist statement said the guerrillas killed 66 soldiers io the attacks on Prasath Sambaur on Friday and Staung oo Monday. Sandan fell when the defenders fled without any real righting" on Saturday.

A guerrilla source told Reuters

the Sihanoukists attacked jointly with fighters of the communist

Khmer Rouge. The Khmer Rouge said it had severed route 10, running 80 km (50 miles) between the important western towns of Pailin and Battambang.



Hun Sen (left) meets with Kaifu In Tokyo. (Rautar wirephoto)

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## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRACY IN CHINA



Chinese Embassy charged of spying

A government official allegad Wednesday that the Chinese Embassy has threatened and spied on Chinese student demonstrators. Bernard Collaery, attorney-general of the Australian Capital territory called on the government to investigate possible abuses of diplomatic privilege.

Colleary said he has photographs that show a bogus protester filming students at a demonstration last week outside the National Press Club.

"I have produced three photographs which show embassy officials approaching a person who was facing a student demonstration in Canberra, and thereafter that person spoke amicably to them and filmed the student protest

"Those protesters stated that the person filming them was not part of their

A spokesman for the embassy refused to discuss the issue beyond saying Cottaery's claims are groundless

Collaary also said he had statements from Chinese dissidents who claim officials have told tham to "not engage in any further activities, or else."
He claimed that embassy staff have shown an "unhealthy interest" in other demonstrations by attempting to gain file footage from local television stations.
(Reuter wirephoto)

## China frees 97

Improving image at home and abroad

BELITNG, June 6, (Reuter): China freed 97 people jailed for roles in last year's democracy campaign today in a move foreign diplomats said was designed to improve the sagging image of Beijing's communist rulers at home and abroad.

hloody crackdown on Trananmen Square, was to ensure China retained its most-favoured trade status with the United States and to prod Washington to end opposition to World Bank loans, envoys said.

Bush has linked progress in

Beijing, eager to offset a loss of

foreign tourism and investment

dollars since June, wants the World Bank to restore lending

The World Bank has made

credits available to China for

humanitarian purposes but has

cut most loans since the army

crushed a democracy movement

last June 3 and 4, killing hun-

i people in seijing,

because they pleaded guilty,

voluntarily confessed and expressed a willingness to repent,

the Public Security Ministry was quoted by the official New China

News Agency as saying.
Beijing released 211 prisooers

last mooth and the latest move

hrought the total freed since the

crackdown to 881, according to

Beijing's own tally. China says

Xiong Wei and Zhou Fengsuo,

who were once on a list of 21

most-wanted student activists.

Chen Qiwei, deputy director of

the Economics Department of

Huadong University in Shan-ghai and Yang Lujun, a resear-cher at the Shanghai Academy of

Social Sciences, were also

China's best known prisoners, studeot leader Wang Dan and

activist Ren Wanding.

The list did not include two of

The announcement followed a

The decision to free more

prisoners might help assuage a hostile public, still bitter over the

use of the army to quell unrest,

but it might get people to put the anniversary behind them and get

back to work," one diplomat

It also could help China lure vital investment dollars from Hong Kong ahead of a promotional trip to the British

colony by Shanghai's mayor Zhu

Hong Koog resident Yui Yung-Chio, a former studeot at Shanghai's Fudan University

who was jailed for joining the

democracy campaign, was among those released.

The amnesty could earn China

badly needed goodwill in the

colooy, where 100,000 people

rallied to mark the anniversary of

Rumours that a release was

imminent circulated in Beijing lat

■ Grass-roots communist party

committees in a region where a

minority rebellion erupted in

April will undergo a shakeup,

according to a report reaching

Beijing on Wednesday.

crackdown,

Rongji this week.

diplomats said.

"I doo't know if it will work

tough security clampdown in

Beijing for the anniversary of the

released.

crackdown.

The prisoners freed including

334 people are still in jail.

The prisoners were released

halted after the crackdown.

Sino-US relations with an improvement in China's human-

rights record.

The amnesty, announced two days after the anniversary of last June's

"They (Chinese authorities) are holding people as hostages and they elease some of them whenever they want something," a Western diplomat said.
"They are still worried about Coogress on MFN," he said in a

reference to the most-favoured-nation trade status. US President George Bush recommended last month that preferen-

tial tariff treatment be retained on Chinese goods imported into the United States, Some congressmen have vowed to challenge him.

**Amnesty** 

**Nepal for** 

LONDON, June 6, (AP): Tor-

ture has been routine in Nepalese police stations, especially during

the unrest that followed the

launch of a pro-democracy

movement in the Himalayan kin-

gdom in February. Amnesty

Many victims suffered broken

limbs, had pins stuck under fin-

gernails, toenails ripped off and

canes inserted into body orifices,

"Beatings, including on the soles of the feet, were wide-spread," the worldwide human

It said the findings were based

on more than 80 interviews with

alleged victims by an Amnesty

International team that visited

Nepal in April. The team

included a forensic expert experienced in torture cases, it said.

The charges were contained in a memorandum it said was being

presented to Nepal's Prime Mini-

ster, Krishna Prasad Bhattarai.

In April, a new government led

by opposition figures took office as part of the political reforms

undertaken by King Birendra, who previously held the moo-

The army was called out in

April after police fired on pro-democracy demonstrators mar-ching on Birendra's palace.

Amnesty International's statement said the number of

fatalities was not known, but

that estimates ranged from fewer

than 20 to more than 600 oo

It said its team found evidence

"In a number of cases, demon-

that police several times ignored

the rules on using live ammuni-

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A South Korean woman wails in front of a tombstone for her son, killed during

## Soviets reassure North on Seoul ties

MOSCOW, June 6, (AP): The official Soviet news agency has sought to reassure North Korea that the Kremlin won't let its relations with the communist state be damaged by Soviet moves to establish ties with South Korea.

Tass arrested in a commentary yesterday that Mikhail Gorbachev's meeting with President Roh Tae-woo of South Korea had been described by Western media as a "political sensation" marking "drastic changes" io

Moscow's Asia policy.
The commentary, by political analyst Yuri Kornilov, did not specify which news outlets were making those claims.

Roh told reporters after meeting the Soviet leader in San Francisco Monday that the two countries would establish diplomatic

But Gorbachev was vague on the prospects of South Korean-Soviet ties, saying only, "we will let the fruit grow ripe, and when the fruit grows ripe, we will eat

Kornilov said the Roh-Gorbachev meeting was a sensation only because it was the first bet-

ween leaders of the Soviet Union and South Korea — not because it signals any change in Soviet policy.

"As to prospects for the establishment of diplomatic relations,

of which much is being written and said in the West nowadays, the Soviet stand is well known and remains unchanged: This issue can be considered only in ecocectico with further improvement of the situation in the Korean peninsula."

Kornilov continued. "Of course, the removal of ideological blinkers from our foreign policy and the course towards broader economic contacts and political dialogue with other countries in no way means that we give up our principled positions and priorities or forgo

the interests of third countries. And he reassured North Korea, "our country will continue to maintain and promote in all ways its traditionally close political, economic and other

ties" with North Korea. The Tass analyst said the Soviet Union continues to support North Korean proposals for peace on the peninsula.

Manila lawyers cite Enrile case

## Call to free clients

Lawyers for alleged communist rebels urged the courts today to dismiss charges against their clients, citing legal standards used by the Supreme Court in quashing an indictment against Sen Juan Ponce Enrile.

Yesterday, the Supreme Court effectively dismissed rebellioo with murder charges against Enrile and 22 others accused in the Dec 1-9 failed coup against President Corazon Aquino.

The court, by an 11-2 vote, decided against reviewing a 1965 decision that held that people who commit offences as part of an armed uprising should be charged only with rebellion.

Rebellion is punishable by 6 to 12 years imprisonment. Defendants are oormally allowed bail. Despite the 1956 decision, the military routinely charges suspected communist rebels with murder and other offences for which bail is not allowed, to keep them in custody.

Today, lawyer Romeo Capulong said he asked Judge Maximiano Asuncioo of the Quezon City regional trial court to dismiss murder, kidnapping and illegal weapons charges against Satur Ocampo and his wife Carolina Malay, alleged communist rebel leaders arrested last Aug 27.

Capulong said he and other lawyers would seek dismissal of similar charges against Rafael Baylosis, alleged secretary-gen-eral of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, who was arrested March 29, 1988.

Capulong said the Supreme Court's decision would prevent the government from filing criminal charges other than rebellion against members of the Communist Party and affiliated

"The charges of murder against Ocampo and Malay should be dismissed outright because the common crimes were committed in the course of the crime of rebellion," Capuloog told the Associated Press. In charging Enrile with the combined offence, Aquino used

a decree issued by the late president Ferdinand Marcos, which she herself had repealed in July 1987 as oppressive. Critics said the government

apparently sought to use the old charge to deny Enrile bail. In March, the Supreme Court gran-ted Enrile bail pending study of the 1956 ruling. In 1988, the Supreme Court tion of alleged communist rebel

Andres Manglallan, saying he should have been charged only with rebellion. Today, Presidential Press Secretary Tomas Gomez said the

government will continue to pursue its case against Enrile. "The quality of the evidence

has not been dismissed whatsoever," Gomez said in a radio interview today. "The government will now file a case based on rebellion."

Also today, the army said it had arrested a suspected leader of the outlawed Communist Party. Antomo Tujan, thought to be chief recruitment officer for the party, was arrested last night in suburban Paranaque as he tried to make a phone call at a local store, said Maj. Geo. Rodolfo Biazon, the army vice chief of staff.

Tujan is the sixth Communist Party leader captured in the past 12 months, Biazon said.



Philipping communist leader Satur Ocampo (right) staps out of a Manila court heavily guarded after a judge postponed the hearing of military charges against him of multipla murder for his alleged role in the massacre of spies for



Handcuffed Antonio Tujan (right) is presented to reporters at an army camp in Manita. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Filipino guerrilla

## Tujan caught

MANILA, June 6, (Reuter): Philippine scurity forces captured a senior communist guerrilla leader while he was making a phone call in a Manila street-corner store, the military said today. Autopio Tujan, described by the military as a chief communist recruiter and ranked sixth in the hierarchy of the banned Com-

munist Party, was the fourth guerrilla officer seized by government forces in two mooths.

The military said Tujan, 37, was making a call last night at a

public phone in the Manila suburb of Paranaque when he was grahbed by military agents, tipped off by a civilian informer. It said the agents found a loaded gun in his bag.
In handcuffs, Tujan defiantly waved a clenched fist when armed forces deputy chief Major-General Rodolfo Biazon

presented him briefly to reporters at an army camp today. Biazon said the one-million-peso (\$45,000) bounty oo Tujan's head "would tell us the importance of this guy" in the Commun-

ist Party. Military dossiers listed Tujan s a member of the party's central committee and political bureau. Tujan's arrest coincided with stepped up guerrilla violence in

Suspected members of a communist death squad shot dead retired Colonel Laudemer Kahulugan, security chief of a hig Philippine food company, while he was driving to work yester-

#### Shiite leader's arrest order

## Insulting Thai king

BANGKOK, June 6, (UPI): Thai security forces ordered the arrest of a Shiite Muslim leader accused of organising anti-government rallies and insulting the Thai king, a senior military

officer said today.
Gen. Pisit Saligupta, armed forces chief of staff, said the army ordered the arrest of Shiite leader Sorayuth Sakunasantisart after an illegal demonstration Sunday in Pattani, 660 miles (1,055 kms)

south of Bangkok. These hooligans used religious issues to cover up their real inten-

tion as separatist movement." He said the demonstrators

created unstability and threatened to assault the Pattani governor

arch. This is not acceptable. The king is highly respected and loved by Thai people," he said. He said the arrest warrants

were issued for insulting the king, Lese Majeste, which is an offence under Thai law.

Pisit said security officials have blocked all exits from the region io the effort to arrest Sorayuth and some of his associates who were being identified from tape-recordings of the allegedly insulting remarks.

HONG KONG, June 6, (Reuter): A shot fired at China's mission in Hong Kong during or just after weekend demonstrations in remembrance of last June's army crackdown in Beij-"They also attacked the mon-

ing pierced a window but caused no mjuries, the police said on Wednesday.

Police said they recovered a hullet from an 11th floor annex next door to the main board and the police said they recovered a hullet from an 11th floor annex next door to the main board and the province of the main board and the province of th next door to the main headquarters huilding two days ago.

**Shot fired** 

at mission

A source at the new China news agency, China's de facto consulate here, said by telephone, he believed the shot was fired during the demonstrations on Sunday, which ended in a noisy rally outside the NCNA

## Come back in a week, Imelda trial judge tells jurors

NEW YORK, June 6, (UPI): Jurors in the racketeering trial of ailing imelda Marcos were told by the judge yesterday they don't have to come back for a week while she recuperates.

The 60-year-old former first lady of the Philippines collapsed in the courtroom Thursday, bleeding from the mouth, and was rushed to New York hospital where doctors said she had an inflammation of the stomach. Imelda is being tried on charges that she

and her late husband, former Philippine

President Ferdinand Marcos, conspired to buy New York real estate, art and jewellery with \$2?2 million stolen from their homeland

"Mrs Marcos is feeling a lot better, but not well enough to continue with the trial," said judge John Keenan in US district court in Manhattan. "We will continue next Tuesday

"I want to be sure you understand that nobody is responsible for the interruption," he told the jury. "By their nature trials are

"There is every good reason to continue oext Tuesday, the 12th at 11 am," said the judge, who admonished jurors not to discuss the case and then bade them, "have a good

Keenan set Wednesday for legal arguments by the attorneys, without Imelda or her codefendant, Sandi Arabian husinessman Adnan Khashoggi who was charged with helping her hide the allegedly stolen assets.

## ove story helps soften 'ugly Japanese' image **Police**

BANGKOK, Thailand, June 6, (AP): When Lt Kobori of the Japanese Imperial Army dies in the arms of his pregnant Thai wife this weekend, many, many tears are certain to

And millions of Thais will be left with images of the Japanese very different from those of fanatic, Samurai-style warriors of World War II or today's aggressive "econ-

Since January, the Thai public - from maids to society matrons — has become addicted to a serialised television drama titled "Khuu Kam," or "Star-Crossed

reduced to rubble.

accepting backing from Libya's Moammar Khaddafi.

Bangkok's notorious traffic thins and social engagements are often cancelled when episodes are shown each weekend. Fans have been writing the producers, plea for a change to the tragic ending. Others have proposed marriage to the show's stars.

The series is based on a still enormously popular novel written by Vimol Siripaiboon in the late 1960s. It tells of a Japanese officer who falls in love with a Thai college undergraduate during World War II.

Although Kobori carries his army sword even into the bedroom, he is willing to do anything for his love, even neglect some of his soldierly duties. Angsumalin, the Thai

Liberia rebels

take sea port

Doe sees Libyan hand

BUCHANAN, June 6, (Agencies): Liberian rebels yesterday controlled Buchanan, Liberia's second-largest port, after two weeks of fighting in which many citizens as well as soldiers died and large parts of the city were

A fresh attack Sunday that ended early Monday enabled rebel leader Charles Taylor's forces to rout

government troops. Taylor's rebels, estimated at about 4,000 men, say the government of President Samuel Doe is corrupt and brutal and has ruined the country's economy. Doe himself seized power in a 1980 coup.

Doe, in a telephone interview yesterday with American television CBS News, accused the rebels of

woman, hides her own strong feelings for him out of Thai patriotism until the moment Kobori dies in an allied bombing raid.

Thais already have seen the novel adapted twice on the screen and twice for television.
The popularity of the latest version, on television Channel 7, stems in large part from the appeal of Tongchai Mcintyre, one of Thailand's top pop singers. The hand-some son of a Thai mother and Scotlish

father puts in a soulful performance. Many Thais say the hero of the series is an effective antidote to the hard-edged "ugly Japanese" image in Thailand, where the Japanese are resented by many for their

"I want to believe that Khaddafi is supporting the rebel

activities in my country because

among the rebel forces, there are

people trained to enter Mon-

rovia in order to destroy

American installations," he said. CRS News said US officials

say the rebels have received some support from Khaddafi, but

bave not made any threats

Taylor's troops were poised to move on the capital, Monrovia,

from positions near the Roberts-

field airport, which serves the

capital. For days rebel forces

have been poised to move into

the capital. A major offensive

against government troops at the capital's airport in Robertsfield

is expected in the next few days.

Despite those reports, Doc

remained optimistic. "I'm 100 per cent sure that the rebels will

not be able to enter the city of Monrovia," he told CBS News. In Washington, the State Department said yesterday that

attempts to negotiate a solution

to the conflict have failed. Four US warships were anchored off the Liberian coast

to rescue US nationals if they are unable to get out of air. The State

Department on Monday urged

Americans to leave before the

situation deteriorates further. Between 1,100 and 1,200

sionaries, and their families live

Only one airline, Air Guinea, was still flying into Liberia at Springs Payne airport, about 5

miles ( 8 km) from downtown

Monrovia. The Robertsfield airport has been closed to air traffic. The State Department said the

road to Sierra Leone from Mon-

In Buchanan, the stench of

rovia remains open.

death was everywhere.

against Americans.

aggressive business dealings and alleged attempts to gain an economic stranglehold on the country.

One That who has criticised aspects of

Japanese behaviour is Mechai Viravaiyda, a leading development expert and former actor who pormayed Kobori in the first adaptation in 1969.

"This is very, very good public relations for the Japanese. But if you look at Kobori's character, this type of Japanese has yet to be born," Mechai said in an interview. "With Kobori's notions about the beart being more important than flag and country, he would have been put in jail - or at least given a low-ranking joh in a Japanese cor-

Some within the large Japanese community here agree that "Khuu Kam" is the best pro-Japanese propagaoda to come along in years. But local newspapers and magazines have reported that a segment of that community is critical, oning a Kobori type did not exist in the Imperial Army. Some reportedly have taken offence at a scene in which Kobori releases an American prisoner of war and at depictions of Japanese soldiers as lax and rude.

Nonetheless, it is unlikely that such a basically sympathetic portrayal would be

Philippines, Indonesia and other Asian countries that suffered at the hands of the Japanese Army in the last world war.

Thailand's experience was mixed. The Japanese Army was allowed to use Thai territory to invade neighbouring Burma and io 1942, Banekok declared war on the allies. The Thai ambassador in Washington, however, refused to deliver the declaration and started an anti-Japanese "Free Thai"

As the war drew to ao end, the Japanese in Thailand became increasingly harsher, but many Thats were unaffected

## search Mandela homes

JOHANNESBURG. June 6, (Reuter): South African police searched two houses belonging to hlack nationalist Nelson Mandela in Soweto today, prompting his African National Congress (ANC) to say it was very disturbed and would protest to the government.

Mandela and his wife Winnie are now on a 13-nation tour to try to sustain foreign pressure on South Africa to force the government to dismantle apartheid rapidly.

Police spokesman Brigadier Vic Haynes said the officers had a search warrant and were acting on information that a murder suspect, who had no connection with the Mandelas, might be hiding in one of their houses while the couple were abroad.

Persons who, in the absence of Mr Mandela, are responsible for the security of the houses gave their full co-operation to the police in good spirit," be said.

But Mandela's close associate, Walter Sisulu, disputed the police version and told reporters: "We are very disturbed."

Siulu told the South African Press Association news agency that police initially suggested they were looking for arms rather than for a murder suspect and only changed their version when a colonel intervened.

Sisulu added that during the early morning raid the police were "absolutely rude, did not produce a warrant and ahused

the men in their homes. Sisulu, who is in charge of the ANC's internal organisation, said he would contact the justice

or law and order ministries later Police declined to give the suspect's name or details of the 1988 murder for which they said he was being sought, but a spokes-

man in Soweto said the case was not political. Other houses in the township were also searched, but the sus-

### Top ex-CP leaders suspected of crushing '68 uprising

## Pre-election arrests in Prague

PRAGUE, June 6, (Agencies): Three of the hardline communists who once ruled Czechoslovakia, including party leader Milos Jakes, have been arrested just days before the

country's general election.

Deputy Interior Minister Andrej Samel said James was taken into custody at the request of the prosecutor-general today.

Samel said former politburo member Jozef Lenart was also arrested today, while the Slovak Interior Ministry said the communist party's former chief ideologist, Vasil Bilak, was arrested last night.

Samel told Reuters that two more former officials of the Communist Party were arrested today at the request of Czechoslovak Prosecutor-General Tibor Boehm.

He named them as Rudolf Hegenbart, who headed the party's state administration department, and Michal Stefanak, who headed the International Policy Department. Jakes, Lenart, Hegenbart and Stefanak were all detained in Prague in a co-ordinated

action, Samel said.

"They are suspected of violating the law in connection with the entry of the five (Warsaw Pact) armies on Angust 21, 1968, and other criminal acts such as a buse of power," he said. "I cannot exclude that other people acting against the law and the security of this country

could be detained, both in Prague and else-Troops from the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact entered Czechoslovakia in August 1968 to end the Prague Spring Liberalisation

Movement. Meanwhile, Czecboslovakia's low-key campaign for its first free elections in 44 years drew to a close today after an appeal by President Vaclay Havel to his people to turn

"I would like to appeal to all of you who wish to live in a democratic, independent, prosperous and really federal state to take part in them," Havel said.



A man holds up a campaign poster for the "Public against Violence" political coalition during an election raily in Nitra, Czechoslovalda June 5. (Reuter wijepholo)

## Mandela gets hero's welcome upon arrival in Paris

Uphill task of convincing Europe to maintain sanctions against Pretoria PARIS, June 6, (Reuter): France laid on a hero's welcome today for Nelson Mandela

but Paris also provided first proof that he faced a hard task convincing Europe to maintain anti-apartheid sanctions against Mandela's arrival time in Paris (1700

GMT) coincides with that of a powerful delegation from South Africa's truge electricity company Eskom. While Mandela urges President Francois

Mitterrand to maintain economic sanctions, Eskom Director-General Francois Botha will be promoting investment opportunities in South Africa to French financiers

Organisers named French investment Bank Paribas as one of the leading French groups welcoming the directors of Eskom, which provides 97 per cent of electricity

France is the starting point for the African National Congress (ANC) deputy president's 13-nation tour of Europe, North America and Africa over sax weeks.

For much of his trip, Mandela will be following the route traced by President F.W. de Klerk last month in the longest and most successful foreign tour by a South African leader since World War Two.

Paris is a vocal opponent of apartheid and bas played a prominent role in initiating dialogue between South African whites and

their black guerrilla enemies.

Mandela, freed hy De Klerk last
February after 27 years in jail for sabotage, said he was anxious to thank Danielle Mitterrand, the wife of the French president, for her role in fostering the dialogue.

She heads the French buman rights group France-Libertes, which set up meetings of whites and blacks in Senegal and France, and will greet Mandela at Orly airport. The Mitterrands will be among

thousands attending an evening reception

Diplomats said the lavish reception masks the uphill task Mandela faces in his sanctions campaign.
France has not followed Britain in easing

for Mandela at the Trocadero mooument.

he has taken to roll back apartheid but has not stated its position since De Klerk's visit last month. Portugal openly favours the British posi-

tion and other European governments are wavering, diplomats said.

Mandela renewed his appeal to maintain sanctions in a French television interview broadcast on the eve of his arrival.

## on reforms Klerk put to test

Hitchcock predicts victory June 5 as he gestures the thumbs-up sign in Durban.

Whites vote

DURBAN, South Africa, June 6. (Reuter): White South Africans voted today in the first ballot box test of President F. W. de Klerk's plans to give political power to blacks and initial indications were that the rightwing opposition was gaining

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It will be a major upset if the Conservative Party (CP) wins the by-election in the Natal province constituency of Umlazi and a shock for De Klerk, whose reforms are aimed at ending apartheid and 300 years of white

The seat is the ruling National Party's biggest stronghold in Natal. The CP trailed a poor third in September's whites-only general election behind the NP and the liberal Democratic Party

Unless the CP improves that performance dramatically, it will be a severe setback for the right wing and ultra-right extremists who say they are aiming to fight

black rule. Disconsolate-looking Democratic Party workers said shortly after polling booths opened that it looked as though the nationalists and conservatives were run-

ning neck and neck. CP leader Andries Treurnicht paid a surprise visit to polling stations and told Reuters: "I'm confident, hopeful, positive. A win isn't impossible, it's even

He said victory for the CP, which insists De Klerk has no mandate for his black powersharing reforms, would be a big boost to its drive to force early

promised to put its reforms to a (white) election or referendum,"

would show that De Klerk no longer spoke for the majority of whites since he legalised black political activity, freed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, entered exploratory powersharing talks and began to dis-

need not call another election for four years.

winning plaudits abroad for his reforms, he might have moved too far in front of his own sup-

moving in next door and of rising levels of violence and crime. which are widely blamed on blacks, had dominated the cam-

He said a CP win at Umlazi

mantle apartheid race laws. De Klerk commands 102 seats in the 178-seat Parliament and

servatives pledge to build a separate white state and stop and neighbourhoods.

"The government has

But analysts said that, while

The pro-apartheid con-

integrating schools, bospitals Workers for all parties said national white fears of blacks

Bodies littered the roads. Dogs roamed among the shattered glass and melted tin roofs. Rebel troops wandered through the city, looting shops of beer and Coca-Cola. The main streets were awash with bodies, broken bottles and the rubble of burnedout buildings.
Rebels took control of all of

in Liberia.

the vast Bridgestone-Firestone rubber plantation today and attacked the adjoining international airport but government troops evidently killed a senior aide to insurgent leader Charles Taylor, rebel sources said.
The rebels made "friendly"

contact with the US management of the rubber plantation, the largest in the world, 1 mile (1.6 km) from the Robertsfield international airport, said residents and the sources.

The rebels began an attack on the airport last night and seized the nearby key checkpoint at Owensgrove and the Firestone company town at Harbel but did not immediately capture the facility 35 miles southeast of the capital Monrovia, said the sour-

## MINOLTA & ALGHANIM: A successful business formula

The Electronics Group of Yusuf Ahmed Alghanim & Sons recently hosted the first Minolta dealers' convention. Mr. Tadashi Maki, representing Minolta, Japan, travelled to Kuwait from Japan to attend this unique event. In his welcoming speech, Mr. Maki stated. "We at Minolta Camera are very happy with our new association with Yusuf Ahmed Alghanim, which is considered one of the biggest trading companies in Kuwait and the Arabian Gulf".

"We have full faith that your past cooperation with Alghanim Group will be the sound basis for a strong future relationship based on common and mutual interest".

Mr. Maki went on to say that Minolta Camera will fully support Alghanim as far as sup-

plying the best cameras and photographic products with the latest technology available. He stressed that Minolta will also supply all the available spare parts needed for the after-sales service operation.

Alghanim Electronics Group and Minolta will work closely together in order to increase the sales and distribution of the integrated in a single body, was introduced. It is considered as the most comprehensive and sophisticated autofus SLR camera system. Its built-in computer focuses continuously to capture the "perfect shot" in precise focus, while at the same time measuring different exposure zones within the frame to analyze lighting and automati-



Minolta product range through Kuwait camera dealers, especially that the wholesale section represents a big market share of total camera sales.

Featured at the convention was a dramatic first by Minolta; the thinking Camera. The Dynax 8000i, with intelligent autofocus, intelligent exposure and intelligent flash control, all

cally switch to the best exposure for the best picture. Minolta was the first company

to introduce full autofocus to 35mm SLR photography with the Dynax 7000 model that became very popular worldwide and took Minolta along with it to the no. 1 sales ranking around the world in popular SLR sys-



Not content to produce just one "world's first", minolta later introduced another camera featuring autofocus model Dynax 3000i that is now ranked as the world's most compact and lightweight autofucus SLR camera useable with a wide range of system accessories.

"These aren't just new products", as one Minolta engineer puts it. "These are part of our continuing series of new products that satisfy dynamic and changing market needs. Like a stairway, with each of these new products and designs, we lead people's lives up towards better ideas and activities".

Minolta products are already displayed at all Alghanim Electronics showrooms throughout Kuwait, who offer full credit facilities for easy purchase of any camera or equipment.

## Harare teachers rally dispersed

2 kids charged of kidnapping, killing tot

HARARE, June 6, (AP): Armed riot police fired tear-gas to disperse about 2,000 striking teachers in downtown Harare today, a few hours after the government announ-

ced tough measures to end a wave of work stoppages.

Baton-wielding police, many armed also with automatic rifles and submachine guns, surrounded the main square in the central business district and used loudhailers to order strikers to end a protest gathering opposite the offices of

Zimbabwe's main daily newspaper.

The strikers fled into sidestreets when police fired several tear-gas cannisters into Africa unity square.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or arrests. In other developments, two children accused of kidnapping and murdering a 2-year-old boy in southern Zimbabwe were under police guard near their home Tuesday,

The two sisters, aged 7 and 8, were taken with their parents to a remote police camp for their own protection, said a police spokesman who by custom was not identified. He said it was feared villagers might avenge the death on May 30 of infant Taviringwa Mutckwe.

In a case that has aroused strong emotions in rural Shurugwe, about 320 km (200 miles) southwest of Harare, it is alleged the 2-year-old and his 3-year-old sister Sharon were marched into the bush and bearen with sticks and stones by the two children girls after a dispute between the

adults of both families.

Sharon escaped from her assailants and was bospitalised with serious injuries, police said.

The spokesman said police were seeking guidance from justice and welfare department officials on how to proceed with what he described as "this unusual incident."

Earlier in the day a procession of chanting school pupils marched through central Harare demanding the government meet teachers demands for a 30 per cent increase in

pay.

Several placards carried by the children said, "we want our teachers back." And "we support the teachers. We are tomorrow's leaders." About 10,000 non-graduate junior teachers, out of a total of some 84,000 teachers, stopped work countrywide

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### anerica

Woman nominated for governor: Former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, who stressed her support for the death penalty and abor-tioo rights, has won the Democratic nomination for governor of California.

North Carolina Democrats broke racial precedent and chose Harvey Gantt, a black former mayor, to challenge Republican Sen. Jesse Heims.

Both nominations came in political primaries held Tuesday in many states nation-wide.

Feinstein deseated Attorney-General John van de Kamp in the earliest returns. Sen. Pete Wilson rolled over three unknowns to capture the Republican nomination for governor of the most populous state in the United States. (AP)

Man held in 'wanted posters' case: A black critic of a local school desegration plan was arrested Tuesday in Jacksonville, Florida and accused of having "wanted posters" distributed offering \$10,000 for the deaths of seven black leaders.

Ralph Leon Stephens, 47, identified by Sheriff Jim McMillan as an architect and sign painter was arres-ted. Police interviewed one of his friends. Stephens had shown the friend the poster and asked him to distribute it, police said. Stephens, who is black, was identified as a member

of a small political group which is opposed to local desegregation plans. Authorities said he is a frequent speaker at both school board and city council meet-ings, arguing for neighbourhood schools. (AP)

Hate group activity increases: Hate group activity is increasing in Florida, an official from the Anti-Defamation League said on Tuesday.

"There have been of late a number of anti-Semitic

incidents," said Stephen Goldman, regional director of the greater Orlando Anti-Defamation League. The severity and the vehicle that took place on Monday is unusual."

Goldman was referring to an incident in which a member of the Florida Corps Skinheads, self-proclaimed white supremacists distinguished by their shaven heads, and three who described themselves as punk rockers were arrested for kidnapping and

Fueling test to reveal Columbia leak: Space agency officials trying to find a tiny hydrogen leak that has held up Columbia's astronomy mission since last week pinned their hopes Wednesday on a fueling test of the shuttle.

Officials with the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration fear Columbia will have to he returned to the hangar for repairs, which would delay its trip into orbit with the \$150-million astro nbservatory by about a month.

A launch attempt last week was scrubbed because of a hydrogen leak in the engine compartment during fueling with liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen. The mission already was two weeks late because of cooling system repairs. (AP)

Hurricane season predicted: Hurricane forecaster William Gray said Tuesday the southeastern United States should prepare for an active tropical storm season this year and warned it might usher in a renewed cycle of stronger hurricanes.

Gray, a professor of atmospheric science at Colorado State University, has issued burricane predictions annually since 1984. His predictions had been very close every year until last year, when his forecast was wide of the mark.

Last year, Gray predicted four burricanes, three short of the actual number. He also failed to predict anything of the magnitude of Hugo, the most destructive hurricane in the nation's history. (UPI)

Conservationists claim a victory: The US market for Ivory has virtually collapsed since President George Bush banned imports a year ago to help protect the African elephant, and sales have dropped in some other countries, the World Wildlife Fund said Tuesday. Bush announced a moratorium on imports on

"Dealers report that wholesale prices for jewellery and simple carvings, which historically accounted for

70 per cent ... (AP)

Bush telephones Kaifu: President George Bush telephoned Japanese Prime Minister Toshik Kaifu to tell him that during the summit he backed Japan in a dispute over islands held by the Soviet Union, the White House spokesman said yesterday.

Bush and Kaifu also agreed to meet privately shortly before the July 9-11 Western economic summit, "most bkely" in Houston, Texas, the state of the economic meeting, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater told

Fitzwater said Bush called Kaifu about 7 pm (2300 GMT) Monday, when it was 8 am in Japan. (AP)

Aids cases reported in China: Xiong Rucheng remembers the day he and his colleagues at the Yunnan public health bureau learned that drug addicts near the border with Burma had contracted

"No one could believe it," said Xiong, chairman of the bureau's foreign affairs office, "How could China

They sent the report to the Ministry of Public Health in Beijing, which didn't believe it either.

"They said, 'we'll belp you clear this up," Xiong

But after testing the 50 samples three times, "they finally believed us."

Since that batch was analysed last September, 146 drug addicts out of nearly 6,000 tested have been found to carry the HIV virus, he said. (AP)

Hong Kong student released: Chinese authorities have released a Hong Kong student detained for almost a year for his alleged role in the pro-democracy movement in Shanghai last year, a Hong Kong government spokesman said Tuesday.

Yao Yongzhan, a Hong Kong president who had been studying at a Shanghai University, was taken off a Hong Kong-bound flight after the June 3-4, 1989, military supression in Beijing of the prodemocracy movement that swept China last spring.

Tremor shakes Vanuatu: Pair of earthquakes damaged homes and caused landslides on Vanuatu's Mer lava island, Radio Vanuatu reported.

There were no reports of casualties in the quake Tuesday. A Richter scale measurement of the quake's force was not immediately available.

Davidson Lilip, secretary in the Banks-Torres local government council, said loday that most of the damage was at Tasmat village, where about 400 people live. (AP)



Ciancimino held

Undated file pictura of Vilo Ciafficimino, 66, a leeding Christian Damocral local politician lor 30 years and former mayor of Palermo linked to tha Malia was arrested June 5 on charges of ambezzling public funda. Magistrates said the latest charges were connected with an aight billion lire (\$6.4 million) contract to improve water and sewage systam in Palermo during the aarly 1980s which was never carried out.

#### French move

### Ban on tobacco ad

PARIS, June 6, (AP): The cabinet today voted to give France nne of the world's thughest antismoking laws — a total ban nn tobacco advertising to take effect in 1993.

The bill also would severely restrict advertising for alcobolic beverages. Ads for hard liquor would be allowed only in publications oriented specifically inward adults, and these would have to carry a meassage about the health hazards of

A separate bill is expected to be introduced soon that would raise cigarette prices by 15 per cent — the biggest single hike ever in France.

Cabinet spokesman Louis le Pensac said that "100,000 people die prematurely in France each year because of tobacco and excess alcobol con-

sumption. This in an intolerable buman, social and economic cost."

Under the legislation, submitted by Health Minister Claude Evin, all direct and indirect tobacco advertising will be banned as of Jan 1, 1993, including the sponsorship of sports and cultural events by Jobacco compar

Even the use of cigarette trademarks as logos on nnn-tobacco items — such as clothing or higgage — will be banned, Le Pensac said.

#### Europe

US must remain strong: The United States must retain in a strong military to counter future threats to peace despite the apparent ending of the cold war, Defence Secretary Dick Chency said on

"The idea of a security threat was not invented by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and it will remain long after that party is over, "Cheney said in a speech and question-and-answer session before the Economic Club of New York, an organisation of the

Ex-Berlin leaders in hospital: Eight elderly former members of East Germany's old Stalinist elite are being examined in a police hospital to determine whether they can stand trial for graft and misrule, officials said on Tuesday. An Interior Ministry spokesman said an indepen-

dent panel of medical and psychiatric experts would assess the results of the examinations and the prosecutor's office would make a final decision on whether the cases could go in trial.

The eight were undergoing checks in the people's police (vnlkspolize) bospital in East Berlin, he said. He did not say when the examinations began or would end and declined to name the eight former leaders. (Reuter)

Call on Chitac to quit: A government-appointed military comminee called Tuesday for the resignation of Interior Minister Gen. Mihai Chitac. The action committee for army democratisation includes officers who demanded Chitac's resignation during a six-day protest last February for allegedly taking part in the repression of the popular revolt that overthrew dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

The officers also demanded the resignation of then Defence Minister Gen. Nicolae Militaru, cloug his long links with Ceausescu. He retired and was replaced by Gen. Victor Atanase Stanculescu. (AP)

Rotary club opens in Soviet: Rotary International, once condemned and harred by communist governments as subversive and an agent of capitalist exploitation, on Tuesday opened its first club in the Soviet Union.

Hugh Archer, American president of the worldwide organisation of businessmen and professionals, presented a charter of recognition to the founding head of the Moscow club, Soviet law professor Vik-

Bringing the Soviet Union into the International Rotary family has been made possible by the changes in this country over the past few years." Archer told a news conference before the formal ceremony, at Moscow's Praga restaurant. (Reuter)

UK bandleader Loss dies: British bandleader Joe Loss, one of the kings of the ballroom danceera, died of kidney failure in a London bospital on Wednesday at the age of 80, his publicity agent

Luss's soft-spoken manner and easy-to-dance-to music won him millions of fans, including the Briosh royal family who frequently engaged his big band to play at royal balls. (Reuter)

### Focus on stalled arms talks, Soviet hard line on German unity

## Nato ministers' bid to break impasse

TURNBERRY, Scotland, June 6. (Reuter): Nato foreign ministers, facing stalled arms talks in Vienna and a tough Soviet line on German unification, start a two-day meeting on Thursday on how to break the impasse.

The 16 ministers, gathering in a luxury Scottish hotel, are expected to give Mos-cow what officials call 'a signal of flexibility' so that a landmark accord on cut-. ting Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) can be signed this year.

Alliance diplomats and officials said it was not yet clear what that signal should be and that there was some disagreement on whether Nato, which has blamed Moscow for stalling the talks, should offer concrete

The mioisters will also discuss how to overcome Soviet objections to bringing a united Germany inlo Nato. The United States outlined a nine-point plan at last

weekend's summit, but it was not enough for Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. "We seem to have reached a bit of an impasse oo these subjects and we have to talk about what we can do to open it up,"

said one Nato diplomat. Signs of progress on the German issue emerged yesterday after a two-hour meeting in Copenhagen between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and US Secretary of State James Baker. "The area of mutual understanding of

those complex issues seems to be gradually broadening." Shevardnadze said. Baker said he better understood a Soviet

proposal, made at the Washington summit, to have Nato and the Warsaw Pact sign an agreement that could help ease fears about German unification and its future military alliaoces.

Shevarduadze will discuss German unity with West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher next week in the Soviet Unioo, Bonn's Foreign Ministry said today.

For Nato, which has pledged major changes in its strategy, time is pressing although uncertainty about the future of the Soviet Union and its charismatic leader

makes it increasingly difficult to forge last-

A CFE accord would cut US and Soviet troops levels in Central Europe to 195,000 on each side and bring the destruction of

thousands of tanks, artillery pieces and other vehicles. Chancellor Helmul Kohl left for the United States yesterday for important

consultations on how to break an impasse with Moscow over the military attachments of a united Germany. Kohl meets Friday with US President

George Bush in Washington, where the two leaders will discuss Bush's just-concluded summit with Soviet President Mik-

## Gorbachev returns to troubled homeland

### Soviet emigration law passage delayed

MOSCOW, June 6. (AP): Mikhail Gorbachev returned from the United States yesterday triumphantly bearing trade and arms deals but facing ethnic bloodshed in Central Asia, an impasse with the secession-

ist Baltic republics and trouble in the Kremlin.

In Gorbachev's absence, his nemesis Boris Yeltsin was elected president of Russia, the largest Soviet republic, and immediately called for the resignation of the Soviet cabinet and a new constitution that would vastly reduce the powers of the central government.

And within the ancient red brick walls of the Kremlin itself the Supreme Soviet legislature unexpectedly postponed consideration of the emigration law that US President George Bush set as a precondition for

implementing the trade pact.

It was not clear whether the postponement was instigated hy Gorbachev, who warned on Sunday that he might curb the emigration of Soviet Jews if they continued to settle on lands occupied by Israel during the 1967 Mideast war.

The White House said yesterday that apparent delay in passage of a Soviet emigration law would give Moscow time to work out its difficulties with Lithuania and improve chances of congressional approval of a US-Soviet

"That may not be bad, in the sense it gives them a little time to work on the emigration issue ... and for action on Lithuania," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said of news reports that the Soviet Union would not pass laws easing emigration until eptember.
The White House said yester-

day that President Bush decided only at the last minute to sign a trade treaty with Gorbachev after repeated discussions about Lithuania. However, after impassioned

pleas by Gorbachev to Bush and also to congressional leaders
the president decided to sign the agreement. Rep. Robert Michel, leader of

Bush's minority Republicans in the lower bouse of Congress said Gorbachev made a remarkable presentation to the lawmakers. "Here was the first time a

Soviet leader (was) telling us, 'I've got real problems at home and we'd like to establish a market economy' which ought to give us all a measure of hope," Michel said.

Gorbachev apparently is following the lead of Western politicians and having polls conducted on bis personal popularity, a senator who spoke with the Soviet leader said yester-

Senator Alan Cranston, Democrat of California, said be raised the subject of polling Sun-day night while be and Senator Pete Wilson, Republican of California accompanied Gorba-chev on his flight from Minneapolis to San Francisco.

Cranston said be showed Gorbachev a poll published in Friday's Los Angeles Times showing 70 per cent of the Soviet people approve of the way Gorbachev is handling his job -and found the Soviet leader was not surprised.

Leaders of the Soviet Union's three independence-minded Baltic republics will meet today in the Latvian capital Riga to dis-cuss last week's superpower sum-mit, a Latvian official said yester-

day. Military leaders in the Baltic region, meanwhile, accused the separatist governments in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania of boosting tension in the region and weakening the Soviet Union's defences.

## In the distant reaches of Soviet Central Asia, two Turkic groups clashed yesterday for the second day along the border between Uzbekistan and Kirghizia. Authorities declared a state of emergency and said 11 people were killed.

In the Baltics, Prime Minister Kazimiera Prunksiene of the secessionist republic of Lithuania reassured ber compatriots that US sympathizers would try to block Congress from endorsing a US-Soviet trade deal signed at the summit.



Gorbachev (centre) talks to Anatoly Lukyanov, chamman of the Suprema Soviel (right) and to Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov (left) on his return to Moscow, Juna 5. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Soviet plan vague

### Compromise on Germany possible

COPENHAGEN, June 6, (Reuter): US Secretary of State James Baker said today that a Soviet proposal on the military future of a united Germany remained vague but stressed that Nato would cootinue its role as "guarantor of peace" in Europe.

Baker, distancing himself from a Soviet vision of an enlarged structure of European Security and Cooperation, said the Conference oo Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) should be a forum for high-level political discussion. "CSCE, Nato and the EEC and other democratic

institutions of Europe must now play a greater part in deepening and broadening European unity," Baker told a CSCE buman rights meeting in Copen-

"We must ensure that these organisations continue to complement and reinforce each other," he said, adding: "Nato will continue to serve as the indispensable guarantor of peace."

Baker, who had two hours of private talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze yesterday, said he would discuss Soviet proposals on European security with Nato foreign ministers at a meeting beginning tomorrow. But he told a news conference before leaving for

Britain and the Nato meeting that a Soviet idea for an agreement between the Nato and Warsaw Pact military alliances on Germany remained vague. "I will tell the alliance what I've told you and

perhaps a little hit more," be said. He said Shevardnadze had given him "a little bit more of an insight" into the Soviet proposal. "If it ever comes to anything it is something that

we first want to discuss with the allies once we find out specifically what they had in mind. We don't know that yet," Baker said. After his meeting with Shevardnadze, Baker said

he better understood the Soviet proposal, advanced



Baker shown addressing the CSCE delegates in Copenhagen, June 6. (Reuter wirephoin)

at last week's superpower summit and designed to assuage Moscow's fears about the military future of a united Germany.

Washington wants Germany to be a Nato member. Moscow wants it to be neutral or part of a pan-European security system. Asked if the two sides were moving towards

compromise on the issue, Baker said: "I bope that we are making progress."

Shevardnadze told the 35-nation CSCE meeting yesterday he believed compromise was possible and he said the future of Germany had to be resolved in a

wider European context. He said the solution should be found in the framework of the talks involving the two Germanys and the World War Two victors - the United

States, the Soviet Union, France and Britain. Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen has told reporters he expects the German issue to be resolved within two months and endorsed by a CSCE summit later this year.

Baker said he was pleased preparations were to begin for a possible CSCE summit at the end of this year and said Washington would expect an agreement on Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) to be signed there.

Shevardnadze left Copenhagen last night after meeting Baker. He is due to attend a Warsaw Pact summit meeting beginning in Moscow tomorrow. Some Western governments are sceptical about the idea of making the CSCE the centrepiece of a new European security order, saying it would dilute US influence in Europe.

But several foreign ministers at the Copenhagen conference have said the CSCE could be expanded to take on a wider role. "The CSCE can be the drawing board for the

architecture of a new Europe," Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark told a news conference ■ West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will meet Shevardnadze in the Soviet Union next week to discuss German unity, the

foreign ministry said. It said Shevardnadze invited Genscher to the city of Brest on the Polish border for all-day talks next Monday on the external aspects of unification of

East and West Germany.
In Moscow, the official Tass news agency said Shevardnadze and Genscher would meet on June 11

in New York yesterday, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl stressed Bonn's insistence oo a united Germany being firmly anchored in the West. The future Germany cannot and will therefore not be a wanderer between two worlds," he said in a

"We want no neutrality or demilitarisation. We reject non-alignment or freedom of blocs," said Kohl, who will be briefed on the summit by Busb at a White House meeting oo Friday.

## Egypt pledges to back Lebanon

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CA1RO, June 6, (AP): Egypt promised Lebanese President Elias Hirawi today to use its influence in the Arab world to try and end Lebanon's long misery.

Cairo also said it would undertake international contacts seeking to restore Lebanese sovereignty over parls of southern Lebanon under Israel's control. Bui Osama Al-Baz, a key aide io President Hosni Mubarak, warned that Israel is not easily per-suaded "lo take a certain path."

Hirawi, on his first trip lo Cairo since assuming battle-scarred Lebanon's presidency last Nov 24, discussed with Mubarak for two hours how Egypt can become more active in ending the country's chaos. The Lebanese leader also met

sador to Lebanon, John McCarthy who assumed his post a few days before 'Hirawi became president but has not lived in Beirut. Egypt's Middle East News

with the United States' Ambas-

Agency quoted a Lebanese presidential source as saying Hirawi also talked with Ryan Crocker, acting deputy chief of mission at the US embassy in Cairo. The agency said Crocker has

been appointed to replace McCarthy which several Lebanese radio statioos also have reported. Marcelle M. Wahba, spokeswomao at the Cairo embassy, confirmed the McCarthy meeting but denied that Crocker had attended the meeting or has been appointed ambassador to Lebanon.

The United States has had no ambassador in Lebanon since last September because of cootinuing warfare in Beirut. McCarthy lives in Washington.

"Egypt can play a role in Lebanoo because of the two countries' close historical relations.." Al-Baz, Mubarak's chief political adviser told reporters after the presidential meeting. "Egypt can use its role io the Arab world and its international position in the interest of the Lebanese issue."

He said Egypt supports Lebanese legitimacy and con-solidation of Hirawi's governmental authority over the country based on an agreement reached among Lebanese leaders in Taif, Saudi Arabia.

In remarks distributed by the Middle East News Agency Al-Baz said Hirawi and Mubarak discussed Egyptian military belp for the Lebanese army. He refused to give details, but said the Lebanese side "will be satisfied with results of the current

discussion." Hirawi, who will go on to Libya and Tunisia, also said he would seek Cairo's "continued efforts" to secure Israel's withdrawal from its south Lebanon security zone. He said he would ask Egypt for arms to help him establish his authority over his

war-torn country.

which produces military equipmeot and has a lot in its large arsenals to belp Lebanon revive its army," be told reporters. Lebanese rebel army General Michel Aoun was quoted in Kuwait today renewing his attack against the Taif accord and saying he will not breach the current fragile ceasefire in east Beirut.

Egypt is one of the countries

Aoun, in an interview with Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Seyassah, again claimed that the Taif accord — a peace plan for Lebanon brokered by the Arab League — has become outdated and that the agreement was originally born with deficiencies.

(Kuna)

Rival Christian forces skirmished with mortars and automatic rifles in east Beirut overnight. Police said loday one person was wounded in the intermittent

exchanges. (AP)

Syria's chief intelligence officer Brigadier Ghazi Kenaan in Lebaoon was mediating bet-ween rival Shi'ite Muslim factions whose battles over the past three years have killed more than 950 people. Muslim political sources said today. (Reuter)

## Former US sergeant gets life sentence for spying

KOBLENZ, West Germany, June 6, (UP1): A West German court today gave life imprison-ment sentence to a retired US Army sergeant after finding him guilty of selling military

secrets to communist governments, putting the country and US troops there at risk. The judge said that Clyde Lee Conrad, 42, had been paid more than 2.2 million West German marks (\$1.3 million) by the then

communist governments of Hungary and

Secret service experts say this is the highest

Czechoslovakia, between 1975 and 1985.

The prosecutor said that Conrad's activities bad endangered not only West Ger-

stationed in the country. Conrad, a native of Bergholz, Ohio, was a document custodian with the US forces in West Germany for five years before he retired

West Germany's chief federal prosecutor

Kurt Rebmann said last week that Conrad a

many but also the 250,000 US troops

case was the worst case of high treason his office ever dealt with. "There has been no treason case of an even remotely comparable weight," he said.

He said that military experts believed that if Conrad's spying activities had not been uncovered, West Germany may have faced the choice of either baying to use strategic nuclear weapons or "having to give up the defence of the Federal Republic of Ger-

## US credibility 'put to the test'

## Israel offers proof that PLO violates promise

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 6, (AP): Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said today that US credibility was being "put to the test" after Israel offered proof that the PLO violated its promise to desist from terrorism.

Arens made the statement in a speech to Parliament renewing Israel's demanding that the United States cancel its dialogue with the

The foreign minister also lashed out at European countries for criticising Israel, noting that Jews had a "tragic history" in Europe and adding that Jewish stated did not need to be prodded to make peace.

Arens, replying to Soviet threats to curtail

Jewish emigration unless Israel blocks Soviet settlement in the occupied territories, said the number of Soviet immigrants moving there is miniscule, a fraction of a per cent."

During an argument with an Arab legislator, Arens also contended the occupied West Bank and Gaza were "part of the land of

The focus of Arens' 20-minute speech was the US dialogue with the PLO, which Israel boycotts as a "terrorist organisation." Israel has been demanding an end to the

US-PLO talks since they opened soon after PLO chairman Yasser Arafat publicly denounced terror and recognised Israel in

In his speech, Arens said Israel had offered proof of PLO involvement in an aborted seaborne attack on Israel's coast a week ago that was claimed by the Palestine Liberation Front led by Mohammed Abbas. Abbas is a member of the PLO executive committee.

"The credibility of the American claim that there will be no dialogue with the PLO if it continues to deal in terrorism is being put to the test." Arens added.

Arafat has so far refused US demands to condemn the attack, saying the PLO had no

## Israel will stop Arab expulsions

### Shamir races to form govt

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 6, (Agencies): Israel's military administration in the occupied territories will stop expelling Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip without residency permits, the state

The announcement came as the state attorney's office responded yesterday to a Supreme Court appeal filed by the 15 Palestinians belonging to families separated by the army's practice.

Some 250 deported wives and children of Palestinians will be able to return to the West Bank, under the

The change of heart by the military government on the occupied territories follows months of intense

international and domestic pressure to reunite the broken families. Most of the 250 deported to Jordan last year were women visitors who overstayed visas after marrying Palestinians, and their children.

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The families said the practice is "unreasonable, directed by alien demographic and political considerations and contradicts the principles of international law," the national news agency Itim

· The state attorney's office responded by saying Arabs living in the Israeli-occupied territories would from now on be allowed to ask for a residency status for members of their families and would be allowed to live in the territories unless there is a specific negative security reason" to deny the request, Itim

The state attorney's office said Palestinians without residency permits would have the status of "visitors" and would be allowed to reside permanently with their families. They would also be able to reaffirm their status without leaving for abroad and then returning on temporary guest visas, as they had to do until now.

They would be allowed to apply for permanent residency and, even if denied, could still continue to live in the territories with their families:

"This provides a realistic solution to the humanitarian problem of separation between the appellants and their wives and children," Itim quoted the government's representative, attorney Meni Mazoz, as saying.

Meanwhile, caretaker Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir raced today to forge what political allies and the press called a gover-nment of "right-wing crazies" as a deadline to end Israel's political crisis approached.

Shamir, 74, has until Friday to tell President Chaim Herzog whether he can form a coalition to replace a left-right cabinet that broke up 83 days ago over his refusal to accept US Middle East peace proposals.

Aides said Shamir's rightist Likud Party would muster a parliamentary majority in a confidence vote early next week despite last-minute difficulties in getting signed commitments from far-right and religious part-

The commander of the West German destroyer Bayern said loday he was uneasy when the warship approached Israel for an unprecedented visit, but that he and his crew have since been overwhelmed by a warm wel-

## Pledge to retaliate

NICOSIA. June 6. (Reuter): Libya., repeating denials it was involved in a Palestinian scaborne raid on Israei. said today it would respond with "all firmness and severity" to any Israeli retaliatory attack.

A foreign ministry statement said charges of Libyan involvement were part of "the Zionist enemy's policy and his aggressive designs against Libya."

"Any aggressive act targetting Libya will be confronted with all firmness and severity," said the statement on the official news agency Jana, monitored in Cyprus.

Israel said commandes of the Palestine Liberation Front left Libya aboard a Libyan merchant ship that dropped six speedboats off the Israeli

■ A mini-Arab summit will be held in Tripohon Monday on the sideline of Libyan celebrations for the evacuation of Italian forces, said

gross violations of Palestinian rights in the occupied tour of Israeli-occupied Arab territories, recounted Arah diplomatic sources.

TUNIS, June 6, (Reuter): The PLO is sitting tight against US threats to break off contacts risk flying in the face of an angry anti-American mood among Palestinians, PLO officials say.

terrorism pledge which made the dialogue possible.

The 15-man Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is meeting in Baghdad to discuss US demands that it condemn the raid and take

But PLO officials in Tunis said

"The PLO won't respond in the way the US wants. It's an attempt to blackmail us and we can't afford to seem to be dictated to," a senior PLO official told Renters

"The PLO is keen on emphasis-ing that despite the position declared by Arafat, that neither it nor any of its forces was respon ble for this operation, circles still continue their call (to cut US-)," a Y L O S said in a statement carried by Arab news agencies from Bagh-

"This means there is an inten-

and war.

"The Bush administration should take reasonable risks for peace right now, before it is too late," the Illinois Republican told a news conference at the end of a

Percy read a group statement that expressed "extreme concern and sense of impending violence on a much larger scale than exists

Committee Yasser Abdruboh, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily described the American veto as a

a new Israeli aggression on Jor-dan and called for halting Israel from crossing the Jordanian river. Speaking with a Kuwaiti daily, the Palestinian official said that "if the Israelis were able to cross the Jordanian river, then speaking

■ Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capacci today ended a 15-day hunger strike he observed in Rome to support the Palestinian canse, the Arab League office

## **PLO** sits tight at American threats

Washington in investigating a Palestinian commando raid on the Israeli coast last Wednesday to see if it violated the PLO anti-

action against Mohammed Abbas, the Executive Committee member whose group made the

that publicity about the US demands had been counterproduc-

today.
"There's a popular feeling among Palestimans that a response was justifiable. The mood is American at the moment. The mood is to talk tough and not give in to them," he said.

tion to use this operation as a cover to suspend the dialogue," the spokesman added.

A peace mission headed by for-

mer US Senator Charles Percy today urged American President George Bosh to help stem a grow-ing threat of Arab-Israeli violence

today in the occupied territories as well as in the region."

A senior Palestinian official

lashed at the United States for vetoing the Security Council resolution to send a fact-finding mission to the occupied

Member of the PLO Executive contempt to the Arab's capabilities and resolutions.

Hani Al Hassan the political advisor of Arafat warned against

about the West Bank and Gaza Strip will end and discussion will involve the Israeli withdrawal from Jordan."

reported.



About 30,000 Moroccans marched in support of the Palestinian cause on Tuesday, chanting anti-US slogans as they delivered a protest message to the Rabat bureau of the United States.

It was the first mass demonstration for decades in the Moroccen capital officially authorised end organised by opposition parties, trade unions and human rights groups, under the banner of the Moroccan Association for the

Support of the Palestinian Struggle.

Certying dozens of Individual banners denouncing a US veto of a Security Council resolution to send a UN mission to observe events in Israeli-occupied.

territories, the demonstrators were joined by Islamic fundamentalists chanting "the religion of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) will prevail."

A US embassy official said no extra security measures were taken except to dvise the embassy staff not to park their cars near the route of the march.

Trade unionists said in a statement that Moroccans should boycon all US tivities, including receptions and cultural events.

No incidents were reported as the procession marched along the city walls watched by large crowds. Police surveillance was minimal. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Fraud impossible in Algerian polls

Monitoring to be done by judges, multi-party observers

ALGIERS, June 6, (Reuter): Fraud will be virtually impossible in Algeria's first free elections next week because of monitoring by indees and multi-party observers, the Interior Ministry's director of elections said today.

"Voting and counting will he done in the presence of all political parties," Abdelkader Al Amari told Renters in an interview. "Results will be practically impossible to manipulate at any level."

More than 13 million Algerians are eligible

to vote for municipal and provincial councils next Tuesday in the first multi-party poli since independence in 1962.

The fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front, the strongest opposition party to challenge the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN), has already said it fears fraud.
But Amari said an electoral law adopted by Parliament last year allowed for observers designated by all competing political parties

"The counting will be public. The political parties will be present," Amari said.

Five voters will be designated by the provincial governor to supervise each voting station. Counting in each municipality will be

supervised by a commission. Final results will be tabulated within 49 hours of the closing of the polls by a provincial commission composed of three magistrates appointed by the Justice Ministry.

Turkey

Ethiopia peace

#### Govt agrees to **UN observers**

ADDIS ABABA, June 6, (Reuter): The Ethiopian government, its army locked in fierce lighting with Eritrem rebels, has signalled a key policy shift which could open the way to fullblown peace talks on coding Africa's longest civil war.

The government of President Mengistu Haile Mariam said in a statement that it would allow the United Nations to act as an observers to peace negotiations with the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

"This is an enormous breakth-rough. It is extremely important in unblocking the current log-jam and getting the talks going," one Western diplomat told Reuters.

to invading armies.

Constantine.

(590 feet) below.

went down.

French colonial governors.

## Saharan talks begin Referendum discussed

and independent lists at every stage of the

GENEVA, June 6, (Reuter): Tribal chiefs from the western Sahara began discussing a planned self-determination referendum for the disputed territory with UN officials yesterday after two days of wrangling over who

should take part.
Swiss diplomat Johannes
Manz, the Umted Nations
special envoy for the region, told
38 tribal leaders at a formal opening ceremony they could make a valuable contribution to peace by advising the world body on a poll on the territory's future.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar offered a peace

Constantine city of resistance

Weakened by old age

civil wars in 313.

archives.

already been razed.

plan in August 1988 proposing a ceasefire between Morocco, which controls four-fifths of the disputed, mineral-rich territory, and nationalist guerollas who. are seeking its independence.
That truce would be followed

by a poll, possibly next December, to enable western Saharans to decide whether they wanted to he part of Morocco or to be an independent state.

Morocco seized and colonised most of the western Sahara, a phosphate-rich, mostly desert land half the size of France, when . Spain withdrew as colonial master 15 years ago.

Emperor Constantine changed the name

from Cirta when he rebuilt the city after Roman

Residents still delight in telling visitors of the fierce battle in 1836 to defeat French invaders. The city fell a year later but only after the governor of French colonies in North Africa,

Ahmed Bey, the last Turkish ruler, retreated

Constantine had only a relatively small

to the Aures mountains to the south and led

resistance to the French for a further 11 years.

European population under the French and most non-Muslims were Oriental Jews —

nearly one-fifth of the population in the 1940s.

The synagogue is now an Islamic cultural

"Constantine is different from other

centre and little remains of the Jews but names

Algerian cities like Oran and Algiers because it

is an ancient city with an old established

population. This city kept its Algerian person-

ality throughout the colonial period," said

Abdelkrim Badjadja, director of the local

But much of Constantine's heritage is now

endangered and some of the old Turkish and

French-era core is literally tumbling into the

Traditional stone and mud houses in the old

city, known as Souika, are collapsing through

lack of care and water infiltration. Dozens have

on the French-built war monument.

General Damremont, was killed.

#### government minister condemned Turkey over its failure to reach an agreement with Iraq on sharing the water of the Euphrates river, in an interview published today. Oil Minister Issam Al Chalabi

rapped for

**Euphrates** 

BAGHDAD, June 6, (AP): A

impasse

told the government-owned weekly Alef Baa that the conflict over water resources is very serious and could harm stability

in the region.
"It is regrettable the Turkish side has not been serious in giving due attention to the issue ... which we consider very important not only because of Iraq's interests but also because of its importance in the long run for the stability of the region," he

was quoted as saying.

Al Chalabi, who headed the Iraqi team in negotiations over the water sharing, said the problem is threatening the development of relations and accused Turkey of turning a deaf ear to Iraq's appeal to solve the problem through negotiations. He also accused the Turkish

side of ignoring the issue during a visit by Turkish Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut to Iraq last month. "We asked them during

preparatory talks to give utmost priority to the water problem at the prime minister's talks but be came with 200 delegates without one single water specialist with him," Al Chalabi said.

"This is a real obstacle on the road to developing relations between the two countries," he war-

Turkey diverted much of the Euphrates water last January for a month to start filling the giant reservoir at the Ataturk Dam, centrepiece of a major hydroelectric and irrigation project in their impoverished southeastern

provinces. The Turkish action triggered protests in Iraq and Syria, who leared damage to their agriculture and a worsening of international quarrels over scarce

water resources. Al Chalabi expressed hope that Turkey will show more flexibility during talks between irrigation officials of Iraq, Syria and Turkey later this month, which Iraq wants to end with a new accord on water sharing that would be in the interests of the

three countries. He said Turkey's decision to fill the Ataturk Dam will damage agriculture in Iraq and will seriously affect development projects in the southern part.

#### casualties. (Reuter wirephoto) three-week tour by 44 US and Aim was to kill CONSTANTINE, Algeria, June 6, (Reuter): Perched on a rock in the Algerian heartland,

Captured Arab says on raid

A Palestinian captured by Isreel in folled sea raid last week is intervi-

ewed by state-run Israel Television on Tuesday. The commando, who

identified himself as Ahmed Mohammed Youssef said he belonged to

the Palestine Liberation Front led by PLO executive member Moham-

med Abbas and said the purpose of the attack on May 30 was to land at

Tel Aviv and kill as many people as possible, Israeli troops killed four commandos and ceptured 12 in the raid. There were no Israeli

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 6, (Reuter): State-run Israeli media yesterday broadcast an interview with a captured Palestinian commandos who said the aim of a foiled sea raid last Wednesday was to land at Tel Aviv and "kill every civilian in sight."

ment official described as a drive to pressure the United States to cut its ties with the PLO over the raid by the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF), A senior Israeli official said it was delayed until after the Bush-Gorbachev summit because Israel was concerned it might not receive

The interview was arranged by the Israeli Army in what a govern-

sufficient coverage. The government press office provided an English translation of the interview just as it was aired on both Israel radio and the television's Hebrew and Arabic services. PLF leader Mohammed Abbas, known as Abu Abbas, has been

quoted as saying the raid was aimed at a resort for a nior Israeli Army

The commando, who identified himself as Ahmed Mohammed Youssef, or Abu Ashash, told Israel radio that the Libyan-trained PLF squad was to have fired machine-guns and Katyusha rockets at Tel Aviv hotels from the sea.

"Then we were to come ashore and kill every civilian in sight on the beach and in the streets, and afterwards to enter the hoteis and kill everyone seen inside," said the Syrian-born Youssef.
"My personal mission was to enter the Sheraton Hotel. They told me:

'Go in and do not leave anyone alive. Kill everyone - children, women

and elderly people. Do not leave anyone alive."

Troops foiled the raid without Israeli casualties. They captured five commandos off the coast north of Tel Aviv and killed four and captured seven who made it to shore near a beach packed with Jewish holidaymakers south of Tel Aviv.

national arena, including in the United Nations, to stop such a practice. "We are for human rights but it

straddling a treacherous gorge, Constantine takes pride in a long history of herce resistance

But more insidious enemies - weather, old

age and neglect — are eating away at the foundations of the old city huilt by Berber

kings, Roman emperors, Turkish beys and

"If we do not get rapid help, either from Algeria or from Unesco (the United Nations

Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisa-

tion), the old city could entirely disappear,"

said Ahmed Benyahia, president of the Association for the Defence of the Old Rock of

and elevetors cut into rock. Tree-lined esplan-

ades, packed with ootdoor cafes, overlook the

Pedestrians are used to crossing suspension

bridges swaying in the breeze al dizzying

heights across the Rhumel Gorge 180 metres

Legend says Turkish beys used to put

unfaithful women in sacks and toss them off the

cliff - with a cat inside to maul them as they

More glorious parts of Constantine's history

include a state founded by the Berber king

Massinissa in the second century before Christ

making it the oldest continuously inhabited city

in Algeria and one of the oldest in the world.

rich plans of Algeria's hinterland.

Constantine is a city of bridges, staircases

rights," he said. A settlement in the Middle East is a Soviet foreign policy's priority, Belonogov said. He expressed regret that there was no progress in this direction

Belonogov highly assessed the current stand of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, noting that "the Palestinian leadership's constructive policy makes it evident who is to blame for the confrontabon in the region." He said the Soviet Union was

bon weapons and arms race in the Middle East. Arab League assistant Secretary-General Lakh-

dar Al Ibrahimi noted that Arah countries are

#### Third Sovlet-Arab dialogue in Moscow: officials concerned over Palestinian rights' violation Israel's repressive practices and accused Israel of spoke of the Soviet Union's struggle on the interanxious about the concentration of mass destruc-

MOSCOW, June 6, (Kuna): A senior Soviet official has reiterated that Soviet-Arab relations are of stable character and there is a clear tendency towards the development of co-operation between

the two sides. Chairman of the Soviet Afro-Asian solidarity committee Mikhail Kapitsa warned earlier that extremism in the Middle East was threatening outbreak of extensive military conflagration. Kapitsa also expressed real concern over Israel's

The official, who is just back from a fact-finding

intentionally putting obstacles before a peaceful settlement and striving to prolong its occupation of Arab lands. Soviet deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Belon-

day participants in the third Soviet-Arab dialogue currently beld in Moscow. "We do not see Soviet-Arab relations as a clear sky. Unfortunately, there appeared a storm-cloud there. I mean the problem of Soviet Jews' immigra-

ogov made the remarks while receiving here yester-

tion in Israel," Belonogov said. He noted the illegal character of immigrants' settlement in the occupied Arab territories and is necessary not to infringe upon other people's

worried not by Soviet Jews' emigration but by the fact that after they arrive in Palestine, they become the main force, colonising Arah lands. 'We do not question Soviet Jews' right to emigra-

tion," Egyptian Parliament's International Rela-tions Committee chairman Mohammed Abdalla said. "We are worried that Zionism will try to confront the world with the fait accompli that Jews from the Soviet Union have settled on Arab lands."

## International detente will aid development: Awadi | Pay greater attention

Call for re-channelling of resources

GENEVA, June 6, (Kuna): Addressing the thirty-seventh session of the governing council of the United Nations Develop-ment Programme (UNDP), the assistant undersecretary at the Ministry of Planning of Kuwait, Mariam Abdul Karim Al Awadi, said that the new spirit of international detente has created a positive environment for development co-opera-

Awadi noted that this newly emerging spirit of co-operation and rapprochement will assist in global efforts to deal with social and economic problems. She further hoped that the politics of detente would not cause a shift of interest from the Third

New strategies have to be implemented as the dimensions of the debt problem have expanded to an extent that it bas become "a burden on the shoulders of developing countries," Awadi noted.

She pointed out that His Highness the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, has already provided positive input into methods of alleviating the debt problem based on principles of justice, a sense of participation, and the notion of selfless

New strategies to deal with this de facto calls for co-operation between dehtor

Computer training

THEHEAD of the Audit Bureau

Faris Al Waqayyan has said that

under the items of these commit-

He told a local daily that the advance control technique has

enabled the hureau to ensure safe

honouring of all commitments

and the subsequent control tech-niques led to the discovery of several financial violations and

consequently led to the freezing

of payments with arithmetical

Control

function of the hureau led to a

reduction in the number of finan-

cial violations compared with the

situation in the past, due to the

careful policy employed by the

hureau and related agencies.

This has resulted in the revision

announced

A BAHRAIN-based exhibiting

eompany will run six major events in 1991, it was announced

recently, topping the one show to be staged later this year in Saudi

Arabia. Hilal Gulf Exhibitions, established in late 1989 as a division of

the Al Hilal Group, will repeat

Rebex '90, the first annual build-

ing exhibition to cover the north-

ern Gulf markets from Al

Khobar with Rebex '91 in

Sharjah to cater to the southern

Two further specialist shows,

the Middle East Offsbore and

Maritime Show (Memoss) and a

Food, Beverage and Catering Equipment Exhibition (Foodex)

will also be staged at the US\$10 million purpose-huilt centre in

the eastern province, the Dha-bran Expo Centre, in October

The organisers also have plans

under way to penetrate the Far

East exhibition markets with a

catering show scheduled for

Hong Kong and a maritime and

building exhibition running

back-to-back in Singapore. All

three are scheduled for October

and November.

Exhibition

schedule

He said that the active control

errors in most instances.

Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (Paget).

countries and donor ones with the goal of common benefit, rather than confronta-

#### Responsibities

The Kuwaiti official called upon developed countries to assume their responsibilities in the aim of curing the ill situation of underdeveloped countries which is affecting their economic stability.

Awadi observed that the new decade should be one of strategie co-operation in international development which would take into consideration the needs of developing countries, particularly focus-ing on human aspects of development.

She insisted that through international co-operation "horrifying facts," such as poverty, sickness, bunger, and malnutri-tion, can be erased, otherwise these may impede any development efforts.

Arms producing countries should also curb their production and Awadi suggested a re-channeling of resources towards solving development problems of many

countries. Awadi welcomed the independence of Namibia and its presence in the United Nations as a full member, and hoped that the day would come soon when a similar welcome may be extended to the state of

#### Iraq-Iran

## Summit to boost Gulf security

KUWAIT, June 6, (UPI): Kuwait yesterday expressed hope that a meeting between Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani would take place in the very near future to enhance security and stability in

"We hope the awaited meeting between President Saddam Hussein and President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafasnjani would take place as soon as possible," Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah told reporters.

"Kuwait and its partners in the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) had expressed satisfaction over the messages exchanged between the Iraqi and Iran-ian leaderships," Sheikh Sabah said. "These messages had created an atmosphere of optimism and hope in the region."

"The meeting between President Saddam Hussein and President Hashemi Rafsanjani would pave the way for solving all outstanding problems between their two countries and help strengthen the security and stability of the region," he said.

Sheikh Sabah just returned bome from Saudi Arabia where he attended a meeting of foreign ministers of the six-nation GCC.

During their meeting, the the latest developments regarding Baghdad's relations with Tehran in light of the recent mes-sages exchanged between the Iranian and Iraqi leaders.

In their final communique, the ministers praised Saddam for initiating direct messages with Rafsanjani.

The messages reportedly included a proposal for a summit meeting between Saddam and Rafsanjani.

The GCC, set up nine years ago groups Sandi Arahia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates

The Gulf war ended in August 1988 but chances for reaching a permanent peaceful settlement between Iran and Iraq are still

### Wildlife workshop

RIYADH, June 6, (Kuna): Wildlife conservation experts met here yesterday to recommend how best development of Saudi Arabia could be sustained without harming the accelerical out harming the ecological

balance.
The workshop, the second in a series, is entitled "Living Within Our Ecological Means," was opened at the headquarters of the National Commission for Wil-dlife Conservation and Develop-

Participating experts will assist in drafting guidelines for laws calling for the conservation of the kingdom's flora and fauna land, evaluate how socio-econ-omie factors should be taken into consideration if the destruction of the ecology is to be halted and

Besides presenting the local scenario, experts will also highlight the international perspectives of regulating the exploita-tion of the wildlife and plants.

According to the organisers ten papers dealing with various aspects of conservation will be presented in light of Islamic principles for the conservation of natural resources in a changing

The two-day workshop will be attented by experts from the King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology, meteorological and environment protection department and specialised centres of Saudi universities.

## to industry: Fassam

### Kuwaiti exports fund proposed

A SENIOR industrial official has called upon the government to set up a fund to finance Kuwaiti exports. Chairman of the Kuwaiti Chemical Manufacturing Co. Ibrahim Al Fassam has stressed the importance of such a fund at present. He also called npon take Ministry of Commerce and Industry to pay greater attention to national industries and complete the project of setting up the Public Authority for Industry to supervise industrial strategy in

the country.
Fassaim said that the proposed petrochemical complex to be established by Kuwait will face stiff competition from Europe and we have to prepare ourselves well for it. He said that a wave of "unhealthy" competition has been going on in Kuwait as well as in the Gulf states concerning chemical and petrochemical products.

The Gulf states do not implement the economic agreement in its entire terms. Some obstacles are put before the Kuwaiti products. For example, Fassam stressed. Kuwaiti products do not get the same priority as Saudi products in other Gulf states.

#### Competition

Fassam added that unhealthy competition also prevails at present between the Gulf states and among producers in Kuwait. The lack of co-ordination among producers themselves and between them and the Ministry of Commerce helped aggravate the situation.

Some producers even produce materials without official licence. Among other reasons for the unhealthy competition Al Fassam said is the small market in the country. The market purchasing power bas even sharply gone down and this has greatly affected the level of service and quality of products. Fassam added that all these factors combined to force the bankruptcy of several companies in the coun-

Fassam hoped that the government of Kuwait will make some contacts with Gulf governments concerning the marketing of national products. He stressed on the fact that as concessions and facilities provided to the various factories in the Gulf differ, competition can't be even. He added that industrialists in Kuwait have already brought this to the notice of the concerned

officials in the government. He said that they have been writing to the government about such problems facing the national industries particularly the petrochemicals and chemicals, over the past 3 years. He added "we have heard that some of the problems are to be resolved

#### Workshops

Fassam revealed that plans are ready to set up central maintenance workshops for identical industries in Kuwait in order to prevent each project establishing its own maintenance back-up and thus doubling overall expen-ses. But he said that the Shuaiba Industrial Area's management is the side responsible for carrying out such a project adding that so far no practical measures have been taken.

He warned of a fierce war particularly from European countries against the proposed multimillion mega-petrochemicals project. He said that measures against Kuwait getting modern technology for the project besides n media campaign against it is expected. He said that it is supposed that government officials are aware of such a war. He hoped that the project, which is still in the planning stage and may get underway after at least two years, won't be put aside like a previous identical Fassam admitted that govern-

ment aid to the national industry is there but added is still not up in the desired level. "There is still scope for supporting national industry and giving it the neces-sary cares" he stressed. He described the level of government aid to industry as al its "mini-mum" level. Asked about the benefits of setting up a fund for supporting and financing Kuwaiti exports, Fassam said it will enable Kuwaiti factories operate their presently unexploited manufacturing capacities. He said that the government is not paying enough attention to setting up such a fund simply because "there is not enough attention to

## **Area authority** project stalled

GOVERNMENT authorities should accord more attention to the official affairs of the Shuaiba Industrial Area, says Abdul Karim All 

Areas Authority Project was stalled as some ministries were unwilling to hand over some of their power to the new authority and attributed this to a lack of trust in the capabilities of the Shuaiba Directorate.

He said that there is no relation between the functions of the General Shuaiba Directorate and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, adding that both sides have shown a lack of understanding of each other's views, including discussions to arrive at appropriate solutions.

#### Instructions

He went on to state that the Shuaiba General Directorate is supervised by the minister of commerce and industry. However, due to the minister's many other engagements, instructions were transmitted to the directorate through non-officiating ministry employees. He added that the directorate is unable to accept such forms of instructions, despite the high level of co-ordination that previously existed between the directorate and the ministry.

He said that such co-ordination would give the directorate a strong incentive for more work and accomplishments, but, unfortunately, such incentives appeared to be absent due to lack of co-ordination.

He indicated that authorisations appointed to Shuaiba General Directorate bave not been developed for the past 20 years and it is hightime that the ministry begins paying more attention to the role of industry in the country in general. He commented that the ministry has long given commerce and stock exchange markets more concern over the past few years.



Health science exams

Tha second semester examinations of the students of Health Science College for the academic year 1989/ 1990 began Tuesday at the premises of the boys students college situated in Rawdah area and the girls students college situated in Shewaikh. Exams will last until June 16th, 1990. The semestar groups about 450 girla and 120 boys.

## Dealers blamed for price hikes

#### By Mahmood Abdeen

THE DEPUTY chairman of the board of directors at the Ileeh Al Shiyoukh Co-operative Society Mohammad Mubarak Al Mutairi has blamed the dealers for the price rise of commodines over the recent past.
He told Seyassah that the reason for the rise in the

prices of some consumer commodities and food items is the request by the local agents and importers as a result of either a similar increase in the price of the commodity in the country of origin, or the greed of some dealers who capitalise on the high-aelling quality of certain commodities and the absence of a reliable rival commodity in the market.

He said that the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Consumer Societies must play a more effective role to keep prices under control, adding that it must also try to provide alternative consumer commodities at reasonable prices to protect consumers and meet

their requirements. He said that the co-op refuses to make any increase in the prices unless the dealer presents his documents to the union and his request is studied by the pricing committee to verify his request for a price increase in line with union policies.

He added that the union is carrying out all neces-

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the co-ops, and that the union has sponsored a number of training courses for co-op staff to upgrade their skills and capabilities.

He urged the union to unify the accounting

politics enforced at the co-op in a manner to ensure tight internal control and also to unify the administrative systems through the use of experts from outside the anion.

He pointed out that stepping up competition among co-ops will reflect positively in the prices, as co-ops now compete over commodities with sliding prices, and this will result in difficulties for the dealer to persuade 40 societies to jack up the prices of their commodities, instead of dealing with one agency.

He called for speeding up the issuance of the new co-operative law to meet with the new development m the co-operative movement in Kuwait, stressing the needs to spread co-operative education among people and to introduce a co-operative course into ne general education curriculum.

He reviewed the main items which have undergone price increases, which included Red Label tea bags from fils 730 to 895, Fresh Kuwaiti laban from fils 275 to 300, Seedawi tahina from fils 385 to 425, Nestle Milk Cream from Fils 125 to 145, Lurpak butter from fils 390 to 480, Carnation milk from fils

**NEWS IN** BRIEF

#### **EEC envoys**

KUWAIT, June 6, (Kuna): Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Suleiman Majid Al Shaheen yesterday received ambassadors of EEC to Kuwait, beaded by Italian Ambassador Marco Colombo whose country is currently chairing the EEC.

Well-informed sources at the Foreign Ministry said that talks, during the meeting tackled some resolutions adopted by the recent extraordinary Arah summit in Baghdad.

#### Sabah receives

KUWAIT, June 6, (Kuna): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber yesterday received Kuwait's ambassadors to Bahrain and Pakistan, Faisal Al Haji and Qasim Omar Al

#### Yagout.

Bahraini visit KUWAIT, June 6, (Kuna): Bahrain's Minister of Development and Industry and Acting Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Yousef Al Sherawi yesterday arrived here on a two-day

visit to Kuwait. The Bahraini minister was received upon arrival by Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi and Babrain's Ambassador to Kuwait Essa Al Jamea.

Sherawi, in an arrival statement to Kuna, said that his periodical visit to Kuwait is: aimed at discussing joint projects and bilateral relations.

#### GCC trade

RIYADH, June 6, (Kuna); The 15th session for Gulf Co-operation Council's trade ministers opened at the GCC headquarters last night under chairmanship of Omani Trade Minister Salem country is heading the current GCC session.

The trade ministers are to discuss allowing GCC nationals to practise greater commercial activity in any of the six members.

Other important issues are expected to be dealt with with the aim of facilitating trade exchange among the member

#### **GCC Information**

RIYADH, June 6, (Kuna): GCC information ministers held a meeting today at the venue of the GCC Secretariat General, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

In a statement to SPA, Dr Abdullah Al Jasser, director of Information Department at the GCC Secretariat General, said the GCC Secretariat on the outcome of the television programmes financed by the private sector as well as memorandums on eo-operation of the press establishments in GCC member states.

In addition to that the ministers were briefed on a memorandum on information and cultural co-ordination with the international organisations.

#### Egypt message

KUWAIT, June 6, (Kuna): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber yesterday received a message from Egyp-tian Deputy Premier and Defence Minister Gen. Yousef Sahri Abu Talih.

The message was delivered by Abu Talib's special envoy Maj. Gen Sibli in presence of Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Saeed

Later. Sheikh Sahah told newsmen that the message dealt with bilateral relations and means of furthering them.

#### Heroin smuggler

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a man to 15 years in jail and fined him KD15,000 and KD20,000 and ordered his car confiscated for attempting to smuggle one kilogramme of

heroin into the country. The court heard that the defendant had left for Turkey by car where he bought one kilogramme of beroin for KD2000 and hid the contraband under the back seat of his car and arranged to sell it to an

intelligence officer for KD7500. The police picked him up while counting the marked police money at his residence.

ing by-laws to sort out existing

expenditure: Waqayyan

A computer training course was concluded yesterday at the Training Centre of Business Studies College of

The course was attended by a number of amployees from the ministries of education, oil, health and

commerce and Industry in addition to some employees from Kuwait Municipality, Kuwait News Agancy

(Kuna), tha Oriantal Centre for Consultation and Chambar of Commarce and Industry. The course lasted a

The assistant dean at the Business Studies College Dr. Jassim Al Omer gave away certilicates to the

Audit Bureau

Advance control cuts

the bureau undertakes its controls functions over the govern-Waqayyan lauded the existing ment performance using two level of co-operation between the bureau and various government techniques, one involves concerns, adding that the spirit of co-operation permeating all advance control over tenders, contracts and commitments, which, when concluded, will dealings of the bureau with these encumber the government or others with ohligations and com-mitments if the value thereof is concerns led to deepening the conviction that the hureau's role was not one of error-hunting, but KD 100,000 or more. The second actually serving public interest and protecting public money. technique involves subsequent control over expenditures made

He stressed that all government concerns were financially controlled by the hureau except some which have been excepted from advance control. He added that the relevant laws did not specify the authority given to the burean in exercising subsequent control over these same agencies; the intention is to ensure the ful-

filment of set objectives. He said that the bureau's reports for the previous years indicate the great sums of money saved or recovered due to errors or unjustifiable spending

requirements.
He pointed out that the bureau will remain functioning the same under the new National Council as the hurcau operates under direct control of the Council of

He added that due to the incessant work developments at the bureau, studies are being conducted to determine the feasibility to set up a permanent site for the bureau close to the Police Station in Sharq to be closely located to the Legal Advice and Legislation Department and Central Tenders Committee headquarters, due to the inter co-operation between all

these concerns. He stressed that the administrative development at the hureau seeks to step up the employees performance to get the work done more efficiently and in the shortest time needed. He added that this coupled by gradual Kuwaitisation of the bureau staff, despite its great dependence on experts from Arab countries who have greatly contributed to laying down the hases for the selection of qualified technical and planning cadres and drawing up control

He added that the burean continually organised courses for its staff which helped them keep abreast of all developments in the field and stepped up their skills.

## McDonnell to tour four GCC countries

JOHN F. McDonnell, chairman and chief executive officer of MeDonnell Douglas Corp., has embarked on a two-week tour of the Middle East to meet with customers country dignitaries.

McDonnell who is already in the area will visit Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait and the United Arah Emirates. McDonnell will meet with several high-level defence officials and the US ambassadors to each of the four countries.

discuss sales opportunities for the company's MD-11 tri-jet and the MD-80 and MD-90 twin-jets with representatives from the countries airlines — Saudia, Gulf Air, Kuwait Airways and Emirates. McDonnell also will visit the company's operations that sup-port Saudi Arabia's F-15 Eagle lighter jets. McDonnell Douglas

has delivered 62 F-15s to Saudi

Arabia for air defence missions:

another 12 aircraft are to be

In addition, McDonnell will

delivered in 1991 and 1992. McDonnell Douglas is setting up similar operations in Kuwait, which has ordered 40 F/A-18 Hornet multi-role tactical aircraft. Deliveries will begin in early 1992 and end in 1994.



John F. McDonnell

## KD1,289m worth projects in next plan | Disabled face

### Sewage network being restored

By Husain Salama

MINISTER of Public Works, Abdul Rahman Al Houti stated that the next five-year plan 1990-91 until 1994-95 is envisaged to be more expansive than the past plan. He indicated that the total cost of projects included in the next five-year plan is estimated at K.D 1,289 million.

Interviewed by Al Seyassah he pointed out that one of the important projects in the next plan is the construction of the university building at a cost of KD 120 million in addition to completing the remaining three stages of the coastal front

**Qatari crown prince in Syria** 

involving drugs in Kuwait.

involving use of drugs is 86.

Qatari heir apparent and Defence Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa

Al Thani is greelad by the Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam

11 this year included a working paper which listed details of crimes

The paper presented at the conference highlighted that 1986 witnes-

sed the highest rate of drug-related crimes in Kuwait, in contrast to the

rate recorded in 1989, indicating that drug problem and addicts in

The paper revealed that the total number of cases involving smuggled

drugs recorded over the period from 1985 to 1989 is 144, while the number of cases of trading in drugs totalled 128 and that of cases

The paper also revealed the percentage of females involved in drug-related cases over the same period was 6.5 per cent but the percentage dropped to 2 per cent in 1989, involving only four females from a total

project estimated at KD 40 million.

He said that the government started giving priority to specific projects since the 1950s. He explained that education and bealth projects were among the first priorities at the beginning of the first stage. After the completion of these projects, the minister added that the government is now passing through the stage of completing government establishments which epresent the civilised front of the country.

He pointed out towards the express roads network, saying that the total cost of this network amounted to KD355

Drop in drug-related crimes

drues control and compatiting cocaine held in London from April 9 to | aged from 31 to 36, and those aged from 25 to 30 came next. It added

million until the end of this month. He said that these costs do not include the construction of Subbiya bridge which has a different budget. Until this month, the Ministry of Public Works had spent a total of KD 158 million on express road projects all over the country. The minister added that future estimation for roads projects reached KD 197 million.

He described the project of developing Ardiya station as one of the main sanitary projects in the country.

In Damascus. The ministers will hold talks on ways of achieving Arab

solidarity and promoting bilateral co-operation in sevaral fields.

The paper said that the drug problem was common amon

pills such as Bindrez, Doloxine, valium and keptagon.

steady increase in the quantites of confiscated contraband.

among the divorced, according to statistics in 1989.

that details collected from the Narcotics Department that there are

specified types of drugs that are most commonly used in the Kuwaiti

society, such as hashish, heroin, opium, marijuana, cannabis, qat and

The paper said that 19 kilogrammes of hashish was confiscated in

1985, 1.5 of beroin, 2 of opium, 11.822 pills of keptagon, 254 valium

while in 1988 84 kilogrammes of hashish were confiscated, 4 kilogram-

mes of opium and a total number of 8,413,627 drug pills, mostly

keptagon, as more than 8 millions pills were confiscated, which shows a

The paper underlined the close relation between the social status of

the person and the drug smoking problem, as the problem seemed widely common among the married, with a percentage reaching 71.7 per cent compared to 23.52 per cent among bachelors and 2.45 per cent

He pointed out that after 35 years, the. sewage and sanitary network in Kuwait requires restoration and with this reasoning, the ministry has approved a study prepared by a consultant and started implementation. The sewage restoration project includes cleaning and renovating the current network. In addition it includes establishing two tunnels from Kuwait west to Sulaibiya and south to Shuaiba, He stressed that such tunnels will assist in resolving sewage problems for a country like Kuwait which is geographically flat.

He disclosed that soon the ministry will reactivate many projects which were drawn from their original contractors.

### Secondary school exams begin

THE secondary education exams, arts and science, begins today and lasts until June 18.

A total of 21,246 students boys and girls, will sit for the exams and 86 committees will supervise the progress of exams this year, 26 of them for boys and 17 for girls in the science division, while 5 committees for boys in the science and arts and 4 others for girls in the science and arts.

The committees for the arts divisions are 17 for boys and 17 for girls, distributed over all educational areas and located appropriately close to students

Meanwhile, a local daily reported that the Education Ministry Undersecretary Abdul Rashman Al Khodari yesterday went on a tour to review the preparations so far taken by the relevant ministry personnel for the start of the secondary education, science and arts exam. He listened to a detailed account from his assistant for information and students affairs Abdul Mohsen Al Saeed and other officials supervising the pre-

exam preparations.

He fold a local daily that after his field visit to the exam centre he felt reassured that all necessary requirements were carefully considered and provided and that the exams will be conducted in air-conditioned, halls where cool water supplies are available to students.

### **Diouf leaves UAE**

ABU DHABI, June 6, (Kuna): President of Senegal Abdou Diouf ended a two-day private visit to the UAE and left here

today.

During his visit, Diouf conferred with the UAE President Sheikh Zaved Bin Sultan Al Nahayan on Islamic issues and preparations for the upcoming summit of the Organisation of Islamie Conference (OIC), set for next January in Senegal.

### Society, media blamed should be provided to the han-dicapped and cited the case of self-service gasoline station that have started to spread out in the

discrimination

THE government of Kuwait

provides extensive financial ass-

stance and many services to the

handicapped and to obtain an

overview, a local daily visited the

Kuwait Handicapped Club and

the Kuwait Society for Han-

Majeda Al Mhaisin stated that

handicapped individuals in

Kuwait, of whom she is one, have many problems. She said that

they are viewed as being detrimental to the well-being of

society and attributed this to a

"one-sided view" projected by the media which focuses on the

weaker aspects of the handicap-

ped. Ironically, she said: "We feel

handicapped right here in our

own country, while we lead a normal life in foreign countries

where the handicapped are

treated as normal human

instances when handicapped

visit public places like markets,

entertainment parks, etc, people do not comply with signs which

indicate that areas are zoned for

the handicapped - particularly

handicapped parking Another problem handicapped people experience is society's refusal to

look favourably on a marriage of

a handicapped person with a nor-

Consideration

Atef Al Dousari said that peo-

ple do not realise that given the

opportunity, handicapped peo-

ple are just productive as other

normal human beings. However, in certain instances, margins

She pointed out that in many

dicapped Care.

beings.

mal person.

handicapped. She added that many government facilities have not taken into account the difficulties suffered by handicapped and these facilities were not designed to meet their requirements. She cited the case of handicapped parking lots at eo-operative societies which do not have special side walks.

country and that do not take into

consideration the situation of the

Abbas Al Rashed hoped that in designing government hous-ing, special consideration is accorded to the needs of handicapped individuals. He said that he would be quite willing to live at the Sawaber Residential Complex, provided it was furnished to meet the needs of the handicapped.

#### Requirements

He pointed out that handicapped individuals have competed with international sides and several gold medals were awarded to Kuwaiti handicapped. However, due to the negligence of the media in covering such events such handicapped champions are not known in Kuwait.

Sukayna Al Ameer, currently working as a supervisor at Kuwait Handieapped Club stressed that most entertainment locations in Kuwait did not pay attention to the requirements of the handicapped. She hoped that

the Public Housing Authority would give preferential allot-ment of government houses to the handicapped, including special facilities. She added that one of the main problems which most handicapped face at the society is the difficulty in finding a job after graduation.

Meanwhile, director of

Kuwait Society for Handicap-ped Care, Hashem Taqi stated that at the society they are keen to provide the handicapped with many rehabilitation courses in addition to assisting them in self-

He pointed out that the Kuwaiti government has issued a special law to provide the handicapped with special facilities at public buildings and added that most recreational locations built recently such as the coastal front have considered setting up facilities for the handicapped.

Head of the Sports and Medical Committee at Kuwait Handicapped Club, Aki Fahad Al Ghannam stated that the club constantly endeavours to remove any obstacles which handicapped may encounter on a daily basis. He added that many lectures and symposiums were held in order to facilitate the solving of problems. He said that in recent years, the Ministry of

Housing has started to pay atten-tion to handicapped requirements. He added that the General Traffie Department is highly appreciated for their co-operation with Kuwait Han-dicapped Society.

## **Palestine charity** dinner on Monday

so-called "uprising purse" project support of the Palestinian steadfastness to confront the Zionist arrocities.

Saced added that the project also aims at supporting the

month period to send 1,712.000 dollars to the victims of the

## KUWAIT, June 6, (Kuna): Head of the women branch of the Committee for Charitable Solidarity with Palestine and Lebanon today said that the committee will bold a charitable dinner banquetin Kuwait Regency Palacehotelon Monday June take place within the committee's activities to raise funds for the

Asma Al Saced said in a statement that the dinner banquet will

She added that the aim of the "uprising purse" project is to collect one million Knwaiti dinars to help the Palestinian finance a number of productive projects and employ the jobless people, as well as helping the families which have lost their supporters. Support

inmates, and the wounded people.

She indicated that the committee was able during a four-

Zionist "inhumane acts." In conclusion, Saced thanked the people of Kuwait for their benevolent stance toward their Palestinian brethern.



ON Sunday, June 3, at 7.00 pm, the Sunshine School held its Third Annual Graduation at the Regency Palace Hotel, to congratulate the school's 24 Junior 4 pupils who will start senior education in Septem-

Four bundred parents of Junior pupils at the school attended the function alone with guest speaker Dr Yacoub Al Sharrah, assistant undersecretary (Private Schools Dept.) at the Ministry of Education, their excellencies, the British, Belgian and Turkish ambassadors and honoured guests from the other British schools in Kuwait.

Each of the 24 graduating pupils was presented with a certificate to mark the completion of the primary stage of education, and ten of the pupils received prizes for excellence and achieven

This year's special award for the European Council of International Schools was presented to Reham Tarek Amin, who has been a pupil at the Sunshine School since 1981. Reham received the ECIS Award for International Understanding in recognition of ber achievement in practising the principles of good international citizenship and ber commitment to goodwill and understanding amongst all peoples.

In their speeches, Dr Yacoub Al Sharrah and

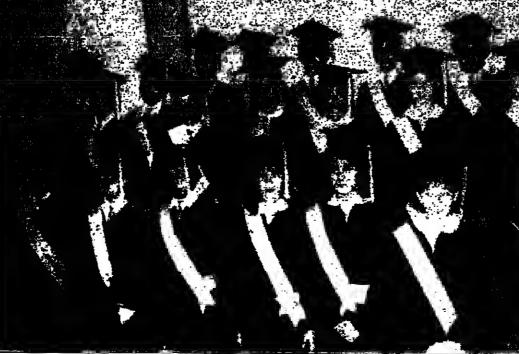
Sadiq Al Mutawa the school's chairman praised the efforts of the pupils and staff for maintaining the established high standards of the Sunshine School and expressed their hopes for continued success.

The high point of the graduation ceremony was marked by a presentation of songs and dances by all the Junior pupils in attendance, which delighted the audience. The evening concluded with a buffet served to guests, parents and pupils.

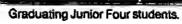


Top pupils with the winners shield.





Reham Tarak Amin





Egyptian dance by juniors.

### Sheikh Nasser appeals to end sectarianism

(Continued from Page 1)

Kuwaiti society." He said that distributing cassettes, leaflets, faxes and discredting Kuwait in the international media can only harm national solidarity, that bas characterised "our society" for centuries and provided it with a way out of difficulties.

"Leniency from HH the Amir - the father of all Kuwaitis was interpreted as weakness and over-sensitivity by some leads to doubt act of goodwill," stated Sbeikh Nasser adding that this bas presented Kuwait with another problem to deal with. "A nation's destiny cannot be decided by over-reaction and

tension."
"If what is happening is caused by worries about the fate of the National Assembly, these worries are unjustified," said Sheikh Nasser asserting that the National Council is constitutional. "This unrest could be sheight and become to greate also fabricated by some to create electoral platforms for the future."

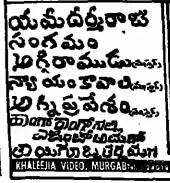
Sheikh Nasser called for rewarding all "those who will vote in the elections on Sunday to save Kuwait" and asserted that the nation, not the government, will wipe out the opposition. "We are not a terrorist country." In our whole political history we've never had one political prisoner. The government will not do anything illegal," he added.

The speaker hoped that the basis for selecting the 25 appointed members to the National Council will be educational and professional merit rather than political balance.

"Kuwait should come first. When it comes to the well-being of our country, all our differences should end," concluded Sheikh Nasser, who said that he was speaking as a Kuwaiti citizen and not as a member of the ruling

#### **Capital Traffic Dept closed**

THE Director-General of General Traffic Department Brigadier Abdulhamid Hajji Abdur Rahim said that the Traffic department at the Capital Governorate will receive no transactions during the office hours of Thursday, June 7, 1990 due to the programmed electricity cut for the maintaining of commissioning stations.





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## **ARAB@TIMES**

### Thought for today

"IMPOSSIBLE" is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools — Napoleon Bonaparte, French general-statesman (1769-1821).

### Jordanian pluralism

## Devolution hits a snag

AMMAN, Jordan, (CSM): King Hussein's rapid drive to broaden power-sharing in Jordan appears to be alienating some conservatives

Once the hardcore of support for the Hashemite kingdom, these selfproclaimed loyalists perceive a grave danger to the regime from the democratisation process that was launched after violent riots in April

"Those who benefited from the previous era are dissatisfied with changes which they fear threaten to undermine their privileges" says Taber Masri, a former prime minister.

This resistance to change has surfaced over the last two months in the form of underground leaflets. Tailed by fictitious names and organisations, the leaflets access leftists of "controlling the press and designing to destroy the country."

The size and influence of the dissenting elements — who are believed to include former officials, retired Army and security officers, and traditional dignitaries in rural areas - is in dispute.

Hani Horani, a leftist activist and author of socioeconomic studies on Jordan, says, "They might not be big in numbers, but (they are) very influential in terms of their connections in the various government and

A leading political scientist is more circumspect, "There is no evidence that these groups are behind the leaflets, he says. "But doubtless the inclusion of new sectors which were considered enemies of the regime, such as the leftist groups, in decision-making is offsetting the previous balance of power.

Extreme nationalists and those who have lost influential posts fear or suspect the transformation from a society heavily dependent on repres-

sive security to one of pluralism.

But Jordanians and Palestinians — who make up half the population

—still remember the 1970 civil war between the Army and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Many bope the democratisation process will foster national unity. Factionalism between Jordanians of Palestinian origin would not only be a potential threat to the democratic experiment but could also serve Israeli claims that Jordan is itself Palestine, say some Jordanian officials.

#### Congress

King Hussein is also concerned about the threat of sectarianism and has shifted his strategy to include the country's previously banned leftist groups in the political debate. This reconciliation by the palace with the left is seen as aimed at reducing the influence of the Muslim Brotherhood, which won some 32 seats out of 80 in parliamentary elections last November. The Brotherhood has been pressing the government for changes in the country's Western lifestyle.

The Brotherhood, the only poblical organisation tolerated by the government for the last three decades as a counterweight tothe left, is resisting the end of its exclusive status and the legalisation of leftist

Islamic deputies in parliament have openly attacked the abolition of the 1953 anticommunism law, while the Brotherhood has unsuccesstions from the left.

According to well-placed sources, there are even indications that the Brotherhood is co-operating with disgruntled traditionalists to counter

"the expansion of the left." But unlike the past, the conflict in Jordan is oo longer between the establishment and the left. "The secular forces are finally uniting," says Laila Sharaf, a former Jordanian information minister.

Many politicians, bowever, see the conflict in the broader terms of pro- and anti-democratisation forces. Within this context, both sectarianism and divisions between the Jordanians and the Palestinians are viewed as the most effective tools to undermine the democratisation process, particularly as the country's economic crisis continues.

#### Combatting

lo fact, combating sectarianism and factionalism is cited by Jordanian officials as the main reason for the King's recent decision to seek the creation of a national charter to regulate the political life.

"The charter will provide a binding philosophy that will unite all the forces in the country," says a Jordanian official. "We need a formula which will prevent contradictions and differences from tearing the

This officially declared objective partly explains the inclusion of representatives off all trends to the royal commission appointed hy Hussein last month to draw up the charter.

"For example, if the charter stressed respect for secularism, this will prevent the Brotherhood ... from pressing for the application of Islamic sharia (law). And if it stipulated commitment to a market economy, the leftists would not be able to press for central planning,"says Mrs Sharaf, an appointed member of the commission.

But as the 60-member commission started its deliberations last week. some politicians still question the feasibility of the charter as a "safety valve for both regime and country.

"There is fear that formulating a binding philosophy, which will involve political as well as economic methodology, could obstruct the very process of development and promoting democracy," says Mazen Saket, a left-wing politician. "After all, this might not be different in results from the experience of the communist parties in Eastern Europe or from creating a rigid religious fundamentalist regime."

#### TODAY IN HISTORY

1494 - Spain and Portugal hy treaty of Tordesillas, agree to divide the New World between themselve 1546 - Peace of Ardres ends England's war with France and

1557 - England declares war on France as an ally of Spain and Scots invade England. 1672 - Dutch defeat combined British and French fleet in

Southworld Bay, England. 1862 — Britain and United States sign treaty for suppression of slave trade.

1866 - Prussian troops march into Holstein. 1905 - Norwegian Storting decides on separation from

Sweden. 1921 - First Parliament of Northern Ireland opens. 1940 — Organised resistance against German invaders ends in

Norway in World War II. 1942 - Battle of Midway in Pacific ends in major US victory

over Japanese in World War II. 1967 — Israeli forces driving into Egypt reach banks of Suez

Canal. 1970 - Voters in Switzerland reject proposal to force almost

one-third of a million aliens to leave that country. 1975 - United States withdraws its last combat aircraft based on Nationalist Chinese island of Taiwan.

1987 — Senior Communist Party and government officials in Czechoslovakia are implicated in major corruption trial. 1988 - First contingent of Indian troops sent to Sri Lanka 10 months previously to enforce peace accord is withdrawn. 1989 - Foreign embassies rush to get their nationals out of Beijing, with much of China appearing on verge of chaos.

## Hotspots scattered over Asia

## Co-operation could ease people's plight

NEW DELHI/AFGHANISTAN, (CSM): Afghanistan has been locked in a stalemate since the withdrawal of more than 100,000 Soviet troops over a year

In 1979, the Soviet Army invaded Afghanistan to quell a Muslim uprising and holster the communist regime that took power in a coup the year before.

Afghan rebels, based in neighbouring Pakistan and Iran and supported by the United States and other countries, have failed to take any of the country's cities where the regime of President Najibullah in entrenched.

A floundering Afghan in terim government, based in the Pakistani border town of Peshawar, has been torn by factional infighting. Longstanding Afghan rivalries have exploded in open warfare among rival

rebel groups.

The deadlock between the Soviet Union and the US over discontinuing arms to the the two sides seems to be loosening. The Afghan rebels refuse to negotiate with Najib (as the Afghan president is

Washington is also easing its hardline against the Kabul regime and discussing future elections in which Najib would be allowed to participate. Mos-

cow would be bound by the outcome.

The end of superpower military aid and involvement is likely to be followed by a splintered civil war in which Afghanistan's traditional tribal chieftains and warlords vie for power, analysts say. That could create new roadblocks to the return of more than 5 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan

Ayodhya: A disputed religious site in Uttar Pradesh state has ignited new tensions between

Hindus revere Ayodhya as the birthplace of the god-king Ram, while Muslims trace the 16th century shrine to Babur, India's first Moghul ruler.

India's majority Hindus and its large Muslim min-

Last fall, bundreds of people were killed in rioting across north India over the religious dispute. Mishandling of the issue by the central government contributed to the downfall of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in November elections.

Hindu fundamentalists, who laid the foundation stone for a new temple at Ayodhya last year, threaten to begin construction on the shrine. They are backed by the right-wing Hindu Bbaratiya Janata Party, a key supporter of the minority government of Prime Minister V.P. Singh.

Kashmir: The disputed valley of Kashmir has been torn by a Muslim revolt, fuelling new tensions between India and Pakistan.

Kashmir, over which the two countries have fought two of their three wars since independence from Britain in 1947, is split between the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistani-administered

Kashmir. The international border is in dispute.

More than 300 people have died in Indian Kasbmir this year. In recent months, tensions have escalated with shrill warnings from both countries and border standoffs between Pakistani demonstrators and the Indian Army.

Interfering
New Delhi charges Islamabad with interfering in India's internal affairs and aiding the militants. Pakistan denies the charge, but calls a plebiscite, which is resisted by India

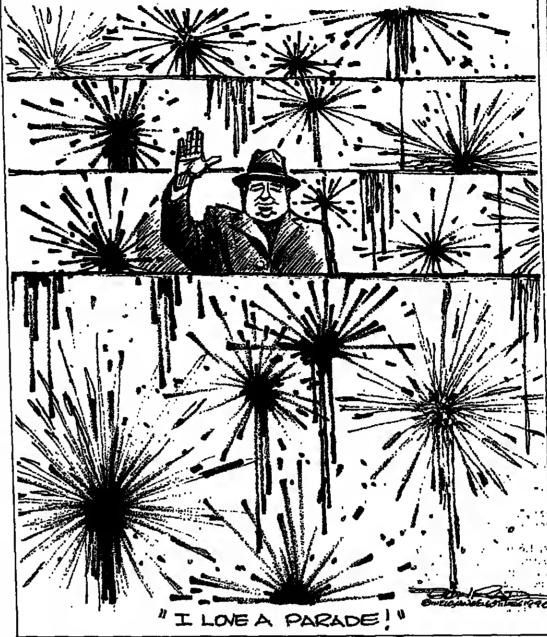
Kashmir has become a highly charged issue on both sides of the border. Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is under pressure from political opponents trying to topple her beleaguered government. Indian Prime Minister Singh is being urged hy right-wing Hindus to take a tougher stance against

Punjah: Punjab is caught in a spiral of violence hy Sikh separatists battling for an independent state called Khalistan or "land of the pure." Since 1983, more than 10,000 people bave died in

In 1984, the turmoil lead to the Indian Army attack on the Golden Temple, Sikhdom's holiest shrine located in Amritsar, to flush out extremists barricaded there. Later that year, prime minister Indira Gandhi was

assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards to avenge the assault. Gandhi's murder triggered a vicious back-lash against Sikhs, one of India's most prosperous communities which nursed deep grievances against the government of former prime minister Rajiv.

A new peace initiative by Singh, who came to power after Indian general elections last fall, has



stalled in continuing violence. In the national poll, extremists groups gained the political upper hand in the state over politicall moderates hut remain split hy rivalries and infighting.

Nepai

Nepal's first independent government in 30 years came to power last month after weeks of prodemocracy portests and violence.

In January, a coalition, including left, wing groups and the moderate Nepali Coogress began a

campaign to end the near absolute rule of King Scores of people died in street fighting between

demonstrators and security forces. The conflict culminated in an April 6 massacre when thousands of demonstrators tried to march on the palace in Katb-Soon after, the king ended the 29-year-old ban on

ollucal parties and then allowed an interim coali tion government to come to power until elections can be held. However, the new political order bas stirred tensions between the ruling coalition and politicians and police loyal to the king and the old panchayat or council system of government. Intimidate

To intimidate the new government, a banned right-wing vigilante group called the Mandales launched a spree of robbings, arson, and violence in Kathmandu. That triggered street battles and rioting in which anti-monarchist mobs beat and killed

Mob leaders and politicians accused the king of failing to stem the violence and the police and army of trying to undermine the new government. Pakistan

Siod: Long-standing ethnic strife in Sind has led to a political confrontation between the government of Benazir and the Mohajir National Movement (MQM), a party of refugees with growing clout.
The Mohajirs, who fled from India to Pakistan when the subcontinent was partitioned in 1947, say

they face discrimination in government jobs and

The prime minister, who a year ago was in alliance with the MQM in Sind and nationally, claims the party and its anti-Bhutto allies are trying to topple the central government.
In early February, urban warfare between gangs

sponsored by the two parties broke out in Karachi, Pakistan's industrial and financial centre.

The Pakistan Army, which has long suspected Indian insugation in Sind's troubles, intervened and became the arbiter of law and order in the province. That bas raised concern of growing political; involvement by the army, which has inted become for more than half of its 42-year history.

The March pullout of Indian troops from Sri Lanka ended months of confrontation between the two countries.

The Indian Army arrived on the tiny island nation in the summer of 1987 to police a peace accordained at ending ethnic strife between Sri Lanka's Sinhalese majority and its mioority Tamils. But the plan floundered when the Tamil Tigers,

the main militant gourp demanding a separate Tamil bomeland in the north and eastern province, refused to surrender its arms under the accord and then bogged down the Indian Army in a costly

The Indian presence also triggered an uprising by Sinhalese extremists, the left-wing People's Liberation Froot, against the Sri Lankan government in

About 17.000 have died in Sri Lanka's ethnic strife, including 11,000 in the Tamil insurgency and about 6,000 in Sinhalese violence.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa has achieved a truce with the Tamil Tiger militants by allowing them to take control of the island's northeastern

province after the Indian withdrawal. The leader seems ready to tolerate de facto partition into the Tamil-dominated northeast and the Sinhalese-dominated south as long as the Tigers don't call for an independent Tamil homeland.

### Letters to the editor

#### **Mother Earth**

Stories have treen written by poets. Songs are sung in solos and duets. Save-'Mother-Earth' is the topic of loday. Which is being destroyed by man each day!

And then I add further: "Our planet named 'Earth' is a very beautiful

place to live! Yet only a few of us do so, for we fail lo appreciate it, it's maker, yours and mine!"

Albert Jossy Rego. Aagool.

### Airplane fares

Sir. In the recent summer holidays rush, passengers going out of Kuwait will be more than double comparing to the normal time. Nowadays many foreigners are cancelling their tour programme to India because there is no convenient flight seats available with a reasonable price. Forget about the tourists and their problems.

Take the case of Indians working here. There is no need of any explanation why we all are here in this 50°C "paradise". And for a majority of workers a few dinars savings is the cost of their evaporated blood. All of their sacrifices are for the loved ones whom they have left behind in The one month leave which they get after a

hard life of one year or two years is made very difficult to enjoy because of the unaffordable air fare. We know our national carrier or any other airline will not consider any of the above humanitarian aspects. So let us talk business. By increasing the recent 5 per cent ticket fare,

the whole year Air-India will definitely lose at

least 25 per cent of their passengers and from now

onwards we will try to make it more.

When the number of passengers are more than double during three months, instead of increasing the number of flights in the same proportion, they decided to increase the ticket fare so that those who can't afford to huy the ucket will cancel their trips.

If Al fix their Trivandrum sector price to K.D.

200 and increase the numbers of flights operating, then their profits will be more and our hurden will be less.

Depending oo AI number of landing in Kuwait, the same number of landing rights should be granted to Kuwait Airways in India. Definitely our aviation minister can do something in this regard. We can never depend on the promises of politicians as they aren't reliable. Previous offer to operate one ship service (ferry service) between Kuwait/Cochin and Kuwait/ Bombay would have been very good relief for the tow income group. I can't understand why our ambassador is keeping quiet in this matter. Please we request our ambassador to do something urgently to help those poor Indians here. The local organisations or political groups can't achieve anything hy their protest.

And the final request is that until Air-India reduce the charge to India especially to Trivandrum to less than the other airlines please do not travel hy Air-India. Please take the cheapest ticket available in the market. We are the customers - without our co-operation they can't survive. This is the only one way we can protest against this looting.

It is a pity that such a wealthy nation like Kuwait also joins this gang of looters. Please Kuwait Airways do something in favour of those indians who are working bere for the prosperity of Kuwait Kuwait Airways should offer a. reasonable priced ticket to India, Say KD 120 to Bombay and Delhi will be fine.

### Taking a cue

SIR: A couple of weeks ago an article appeared in your paper growing size of school bag'—it is to be boped that the teachers of the New Indian School read and absorbed the contents. If ever there was an inconsiderate set - it is the staff of the lower and middle school here. Often a child from these sections is expected to take all his books (including 3-4 books each in Hindi and English) as the teachers can't make up their

minds about what to teach and when.

Unnecessary text books — one for each subject are also carried along, as the child is punished, if the required book is not produced regardless of whether it is scheduled on the timetable or not. Surely there are school cupboards to keep the little used books! Maybe the principal can weigh and find out the weight of each bag and the unnecessary books therein.

The high school students do not seem to suffer this problem or any other - they carry little or nothing to school and some don't wear a single article of the prescribed school uniform. Surely 'a rule for one is a rule for all' in the matter of

Some high school students also behave like savages, grabbing away the snacks from little ones - (mainly the helpless Land U. KG) and eating them during break. It is to be hoped that the principal will look into the above matters and try to rectify them.

M. Mathai. Kuwait.

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#### Nato

## Alliance trying to redefine role

BRUSSELS, (Reuter): Nato can take little satisfaction from the Washington superpower summit as it struggles to put together the blueprint for Europe's future security and convince its public that it still has a role.

Diplomats and analysts said Nato had looked to the summit for badly-needed fresh imperuson two questions - the status of united Germany and progress towards a treaty to cut conventional forces.

"In the event, there wasn't any real progress on those issues. It was not good news," said Wolfgang Heisenherg of the Brussels-based Centre for European Policy Studies.

"There is a general recognition that the whole process of reshaping Europe and working out what happens to Germany is going to take longer than we thought," said one Nato diplomat. "There is definitely a more sober mood around here.

The 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, eager to prove its value as a political organisation now that four decades of cold war are over, has set itself a stiff programme over the next few months. A major issue is its insistence that a united

Germany must be a member of the Western alliance, despite stuhborn opposition from At the summit, the United States offered Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev a nine-

point plan to try and ease Soviet concerns. Nato diplomats concerned that it did little more than repackage previous assurances, such as allowing Soviet troops to stay in what is now East Germany for a transitional period of several years and pledging not to station Nato

It was not enough to sway Gorbachev, whose people harbour bitter memories of the war against Nazi Germany which cost more than 20 million Soyiet lives, He is also apparently under pressure from the military not to give any more away, now that the Warsaw Pact is collapsing

way, now that the Warsaw Pact is collapsing.

Interest

We hope the Soviets will see that a united Germany in Nato, rather than a neutral Germany, will be in their best interest, too. But Gorbachev has no food for manoeuvre just now and the summit imderlined that, said a Nato diplomat. Jerman 1900 and the goal of completing a Vienna treaty this year to treuwe sharely the number of

treaty this year to reduce sharply the number of Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE). The Western allies have accused Moscow of dragging its feet in the nagotiations and have

discussed bow to speed up the talks to make sure a treaty is signed this year. The West badly wants a treaty to allow the countries of Nato and the Warsaw Pact to cash in some of the "peace dividend" of the end of

the cold war. rife cold war.
Failure to achieve a CFE agreement this year could reflect badly on the alliance, which has said it will take a leading role in the reshaping of

Entisperiora To a paled a Nato has made a Caffetteaty this year a precondition for bolding a summit of the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) to discuss the contin-

ent's future. Francois Heisbourg of London's International Institute for Strategic Studies said that although the Washington summit brought only a public reaffirmation of the aim to get a treaty by year-end, this was not a major disappoint-

Goal "They did manage to reaffirm the goal .... at least we're not worse off than we were before the summit," be said.

Moscow bas pressed hard to transform the CSCE process, which now lays down guidelines on security, human rights and economic affairs, into an institution with permanent staff and

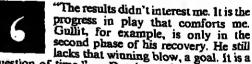
regular ministerial meetings.
Western support for this idea is growing fast, with the implication that CSCE might eventually replace the Warsaw Pact and Nato. Nato has rejected the suggestion that it is

becoming obsolete and is feverishly working on a package of proposals for the CSCE summit which would leave it with a major role to play. Nato foreign ministers meeting in Scotland later this week will discuss the package and lay the groundwork for a summit of Nato leaders in

London next month. "Getting Germany into Nato and a conventional forces treaty in the bag would really show people that we have still got something they need," siad one Nato diplomat.

"The summit didn't bring us much joy on either point. But we'll manage it, don't write us

## QUOTE ME



progress in play that comforts me. Gullit, for example, is only in the second phase of his recovery. He still lacks that winning blow, a goal. It is a question of time." - Dutch coach on his team's performance against Yugoslavia.

"I hope to go farther, I think I'm playing very concentrated and I'm very bappy." — Yugoslav teenager Goran Ivanisevic, who upset second seed Boris Becker in the French Open first round. "For two years" the Netherlands has not played like

the European champion must play. It surrendered the initiative to the opponents, it took care to defend itself rather than attack. Finally we have redis-covered the right balance. Personally, I need only a goal. I will prepare myself to find it." - Dutch captain Rund Gullit. "We have rediscovered our leader. We no longer feel like orphans." — Dutch defender Frank Rijkaard to

the Italian sports daily Corriere Dello Sport on the return of Rund Gullit. "Ruud needed such a game to convince himself be was back. If in the Benfica match be was at 60 to 70 per cent of condition, at the World Cup he will be

100 per cent." - Marco van Basten. "I now feel as if a little weight is off me. Throughout the whole year when you have won a Grand Slam tournament so young, you feel you have a bag of bricks on your back. There is a lot of

pressure. People are gunning for you." - Defending champion Michael Chang after losing to Andre Agassi in the French Open.

## BUSINESS & FINANCE

## An older Queen graces new notes

LONDON, June 6, (UPI): The pantheon of illustrious people adorning Britain's banknotes are to be chan-ged for a new crew, and all paper money will oow have an older por-

taking place.

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with those of earlier, ruinous

"Oil prices are back in real

terms virtually to 1973 levels," says Mehdi Varzi, an analyst who follows Opec for London-hased Kleinwort Benson

In that year, during an Arab

oilembargo against the West, the Organisation of Petroleum

Exporting Countries seized con-

trol of prices from the 'seven sis-

trayal of Queen Elizabeth II, the Bank of England said today. The bank said Buckingham Palace had approved the upgraded portrait of the British monarch, which is to be put into circulation tomorrow with the introduction of new £5 notes.

It said the new blue 'fiver' will be the first in a plan to gradually replace over four years all of Britain's £15 billion (\$25.2 billion) worth of paper currency with the new series.

A spokeswoman said the bank changes its 1.16 billion cotes about every 20 years, and that any counter-feilers would find the new notes more

of a challenge because they will have difficult colour mixes, intricate designs and silver threads.

All portraits will be larger and more recognisable, and the denominations will be bolder for spenders with poor eye sight. A reduction is with poor eye sight. A reduction in onle size of between 15 and 22 per cent will also save production costs for the currency, which is made from

cotton pulp.

But despite the bank's explana-tions, its plans aroused some criti-

The £5 cote was embellished with Duke of Wellington, the 'Iron Duke' who trounced Napoleon at Waterloo io 1815. He is to be replaced with George Stevenson, the inventor famed for building the world's first steam train, the Rocket 22227.

The Guardian and some critical

The Guardian said some critics regarded Stevenson as, "little more than a charlatan who plagiarised the idea for a steam engine." It also said the older and less flattening royal portrait made the queen look as if she had fared none too favourably in a couple of rounds with Mike. Tyson."

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deligneen Florence Nightingale, the lady-with the lamp who tended British soldiers during the 1854-6 Crimean War, will no longer appear on the £10 oote, which will oow bear Victorian writer, Charles Dickens.

William Shakespeare is being ous-ted from the £20 note for Michael Faraday, a scientist who made many breakthroughs in the field of elec-

But the greatest opprobrium was reserved for the bank's decision to replace architect Sir Chiristopher. Wren on the £50 note with a picture of Sir John Houblon, the first gover-oor of the Bank of England These Guardian called the decision "an uncharacteristic spot of self-indul-

gence."
"Our criteria is that the people should be dead, and dominant in their field," the spokeswoman said. 1994, will be the bank's 300th anniversary, so rather self-indulgen-tly we are giving ourselves a birthday

The official said old tattered notes will be gradually replaced with the new designs, and that the nation's money supply will remain constant, with no economic impact to the plan. But the bank expects some public

resistance People are resistant to change, particularly in areas of their life that have great familiarity," the official said. "I have no doubt when these new ones are eventually withdrawn, there will also be opposition."

Opec oil prices are back to early 1970s When the year began, not even ies which it accused of conspiring the most pessimistic oil market to keep the barrel cheap.

expert dared predict the The inability of the 13 fracdramatic fall in prices that is now tions Opec members to abide by their agreed output quotas is, as with the record gluts of the 1980s, being blamed for the current In recent weeks, the value of a barrel of oil has tumbled by about a third to a level, after allowing crisis in the market. for inflation, which compares

Yet demand for Opec's oil has been growing. Stimulated by weak prices in the mid-1980s, it is up around 22 million barrels daily, compared with only 16 million five years ago. Even so, the temptation to

break quota proved too strong, especially after arctic weather in North America last December suddenly added a million barrels a day to US fuel demand. The Opec was ambushed when

check to the global economic expansion on which the underlying recovery of petroleum demand is based.

It called emergency talks in Geneva on May 3 to fix a programme of output cuts.

officials say the Saudis may lose patience and rescind their own cut if nothing is done soon. So prices are sliding again. Geoffrey Pyne, an energy

finance house UBS-Phillips and

Drew, thinks that nominal

And Western oil company

prices, now around \$14 per barrel, need not crash this time to below \$10 as they did in 1986. The Kuwaitis, unlike most Opec members, have their own



Saudis deny excess output report

Hisham Nazer

big world-wide refinery network. And, like the Western oil companies, they make handsome profits running cheap crude through the system - motorists

have probably noticed that pump prices rarely drop as fast as those for crude oil.

Many analysts, however. think that, with an eye on the long term, the Gulf Arab countries actually favoured weaker orices as a tactic to help keep the US economy out of recession and give further stimulus to the uoderlying rehound in oil

Weak prices, he says, may drive demand up so fast as to risk a new pricing "shock."

Opec could be close to produeing at full capacity by the mid-1990s. Imports are rising fast in the United States, up by 14 per cent this year and accounting for about half the oil which the nation consumes.

imported US oil.

Saudi Arabia reaffirmed today it was abiding by its Opec quota and said there was no truth in reports it was linked to the changing oil market situation.

Petroleum and Mioeral Resources Minister Hisham Nazer, in a statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA). "Saudi Arabia promised Opec on May 1 to abide by its quota.

The whole world admitted it (Saudi Arabia) was keeping its promise and it sull adheres to it."

He added: "Saudi Arabia has oot changed its position and accordingly linking its commit-ment to the changing (oil) market

SPA. monitored in Nicosia. said the minister described as "completely baseless the assumptions" of oil market analysts quoted by Reuters earlier vester-

A Reuter report from Singapore qoted oil analysts as saying Saudi Arabia had abandoned its single-handed attempt to support sagging oil prices and now seemed intent on forcing prices lower to shock other hig produces into pulling their

Reports the kingdom had cut its oil price formulas for Far East buyers knocked about 45 cents off spot prices in Asia.

'it's probably intended to be a short-term shock to the market." US investment house trader had told Reuters.

Production will reach 25m bpd

## Al Oteiba sees no Opec quotas in '91

United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba. in his latest 1,600-page book published recently, said Open will not need restrictive output quotas as of next year.

"I'l see 1991 as an importantand crucial year that will satisfy the minimum level of Opec states' ambitions for (Opec) production will reach 25 million barrels per day (Bpd)," Otciba said in his latest book called "Oil and the UAE economy."

The UAE's oil minister since 1974, he is now the longest serving oil chief within the 13-member group.

Oteiba, 44, a researcher and a meeting the UAE was "verbally" poet; had lived through Opec's asked to produce at two million recont history from the time the bod. Oteiba says in his bok. group distrated prices to the "Opec has assigned a random"

SINGAPORE, June 6, (Reuter): Middle

barrel unless Opec acts fast to stop a spiral

of price cuts as producers try to sell into a

again," said a European oil company trader based bere. "Only an emergency

Opec meeting can hold the market up

Concern is mounting that other large

Middle East producers will cut their prices

following Saudi Arabia's decision to lower

their oil prices for customers world-wide.

News that Saudi Arbia had cut up to 70 cents off its July price formulas sent oil

prices spinning downwards on Tuesday.

"It's happened before and it can happen

glutted market, oil experts said today.

market in early 1980s to the oil price collapse in 1986.

"At this point (1991) there will be no need for Opec to set an output ceiling and allocate quotas, especially as most mem-bers have reached their maximum production within the current ceiling of around 22 million bpd."

Opec assigns output quotas to its members to keep oil market prices at check, although most of the time the limits are flonted.

UAE had rejected its 1.095 million bpd limit at Opec's 1989 November meeting in Vienna, opting instead to produce around two million. At that

East crude oil prices could crash to \$10 a benchmark crude, from Dubai, has drop-

quota for the UAE and this is a unique phenomenon and unprecedented in Opec history," Oterba said in his book.

This is a firm fact and will remain so until Opec agrees on a fair quota that matches the UAE's oil and economic poten-

Although there are no plans at present to take full control of the oil industry in the UAE, the country in future may take steps to nationalise the foreign companies operating in the country "Concerning the future of its relationship with the foreign oil

companies, the UAE at present sees that it should keep them as partners in the oil industry," the oil minister said.

The value of a barrel of the Mideast Monday.

ped to \$13.20 from more than \$14 at the

(WTI), shed 46 cents as news of Saudi price

cuts followed hot on the heels of reports of

American Petroleum Institute reports

late on Tuesday of a further rise in US oil.

stocks, already at an eight-year high, sla-

shed another 40 cents off WTI prices. July

delivery WTI is now trading around

blend crude is currently quoted at around

\$15.40 a barrel, a dollar below its value on

Britain's internationally traded Brent

Key US crude, West Texas Intermediate

beginning of this week.

continued high Opec output.

"But in the near future, it

might find that it should take a crucial decision in this respect. It could have no choice but to follow the example of other oil exporting countries which have opted for full cootrol of their oil

A number of foreign oil companies from the United States. Europe and Japan are operating as equity bolders in the UAE, most of the time holding minority shares in the producing

Oteiba put the UAE's crude oil reserves at 233.7 hillion barrels.

The Emirate of Abu Dhabi -where Oteiba comes from - is the biggest producer in the federation and owns 109.8 billion barrels of the recoverable reserves, the minister said. Opec action needed to halt price plunge

> Attention is now focusing on third quarter price talks between Kuwait and its

Iran is also doe to discuss its third quar-

Dubai prices fell to \$6.95 a barrel in 1986

when a fight formarket share resulted in an

Opec price war. Breut prices dropped

Oil analysts say the 13 Opec ministers

The Opec meeting is too far away,"

should meet before the scheduled date of

July 25 to prevent a repetition of 1986.

said the European company trader.

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scheduled to start next week.

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Workers march in central Athens yesterday to protest economic austerity measures. Banner reads; We secure our rights through struggle. More than one million workers joined a 24-hour strike to protest against the conservative government's measures. (Rauter wirephoto)

Protest against austerity plan

## Greece crippled by strike

ATHENS, June 6, (Reuter): More than a millioo Greek workers joined a 23-hour strike today to protest IL THE DEW CORSETVATIVE BOVETS

ment's austerity programme. Tourist ships to islands, trains, and international and domestic flights were delayed or cancelled. Services were cut sharply at bospitals, banks, schools, public utilities and cargo ports, officials said.

With public transport severely limited, private cars poured into Athens, aggravating already high levels of pollucion. Work on restoring the

Parthenon temple and other marble monuments on the hilltop Acropolis overlooking Athens stopped for the

day.

It was the third one-day general strike since conservative Prime Mini-

ster Constantine Mitsotakis came to power in April and imposed a tough economic austerity programme. While Mitsotakis was in

United States, basking in the limelight of the first visit by a Greek prime minister in 26 years, unions at home vowed to wage a long summer of challenges to his government's economic policies. This strike, and our scheduled

industrial action programme, has one aim: To overturn the govern-ment's economic measures," Laurment's economic measures," bros Kanellopoulos, president of the General Confederation of Greek Workers (GSEE), told reporters.
Officials at GSEE and the Petrol stations have been closed since Monday and 60,000 high school teachers are on strike and refusing to grade year-end exams to back a pay GSEE, the largest labour grouping

ers - joined the action.

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(Adedy), who together called the

strike and staged mass rallies around the country, said 80 per cent of their

members - well over a million work-

Protests against the government's

olicies have spread to other areas.

with nearly two million members, has spearheaded the challenge to otakis's policies and vowed to fight his programmes.

Risky securities

## Prices of junk bonds dip

NEW YORK, June 6, (AP): Prices of junk bonds used to finance part of Donald Trump's casino and real estate empire fell again vesterday amid speculation that perotiations between the developer and his bankers would further reduce the value of the risky scourities.

The price of 14 per cent bonds used to back Trump's new

Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City was quoted at \$54 to \$55, per \$100 in face value late yesterday, down from \$56-\$58 on Monday.

Juck bonds tied up other Trump holdings fared somewhat better. The Trump Plaza Casino's 12-7/8 per cent issues were quoted at \$81-\$82 down from \$82-\$83, and 13-3/4 per cent issues backing the Trump Castle Casino were little changed at \$59-\$60. Prices for the issues fell sharply Monday - with the Taj

Mahal bonds skidding as much as \$10 - when Trump confirmed a Wall Street Journal report that he has been meeting with major lenders who have grown increasingly uneasy about his ability to handle his reported \$2 billion in The lenders, who include units of Bankers Trust Co.,

Cilicorp. Chase Manhattan Corp. and Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., are said to be seeking a restructuring of the developer's holdings, including a possible sale of some Trump assets.

Separately, bondholders filed a class action lawsuit

seeking to block Trump and his associates from promoting the Taj Mahal at the expense of the Trump Plaza and Trump Castle holdings in Atlantic City. The US district court suit claimed Trump gave the Taj a confidential list of high level gamblers and affluent clientele" of the Trump Plaza and Trump Castle without

compensating the hotels for the information, in violation The suit claims Trump also violated Federal Securities

order barring him from using any of the hotels' informa-con or assets to benefit the Taj.

It also seeks unspecified damages for the sharp decline in alue of the bonds. Trump Plaza bonds have declined from 102 per cent of face value to 82 per cent since August 1989, while Trump Castle bonds dropped from 103 per cent to 70

Trump's talks with the banks have been under way for about two weeks. Dan Klores, a spokesman for Trump, refused to say whether the two sides were meeting or to give any information beyond Trump's brief statement oo Mon-

"At this point, these are things that are between the Trump organisation and other people and we're not at liberty to talk about that," Klores said.

Investors have been unsettled by reports that the banks were trying to prevent Trump from making upcoming payments to junk bondholders. Such a move would devastate the value of the securities, which are attractive to investors because they pay a much higher interest rate than Trump's lenders are believed to be concerned that his

holdings, including the three Atlantic City casinos, are not producing enough cash to meet interest payments. The developer has maintained in recent months he has no cash flow problems. He did announce in late April that

he was considering putting some of his assets on the block — including the Northeast Air Shuttle he bought from Eastern Airlines for \$365 million last year — but claimed he wanted to raise cash to buy new properties.

Trump's other assets include the Plaza Hotel, Plaza

Tower skyscraper and several apartment buildings in Manhattan; the casinos; and the Trump Shuttle airline.



## LONDON, June 6, (UPI). The dollar closed down

against all the major European currencies today after a quiet and dull day on the foreign exchange markets, dealers said. Gold was mixed. Political uncertainties in Germany and the Soviet

Union served as a prop for the dollar while hopes for an early cut in US interest rates to stimulate the economy appeared to be fading, said analysts. The US unit had traded in small ranges throughout the day in the absence of any economic statistics

to give dealers guidance on where the dollar was heading, foreign exchange analysts said. "The markets are just waiting for trade and other important figures due late next week," said Nigel Rendell, international economist with James Capel

He suggested that US interest rates could stay at present levels rather than the rumoured fall because

US inflationary pressures were too high. In Frankfurt the dollar closed lower at 1.6885 Deutsche mark against 1.6930 at close yesterday, and also was lower in Zurich at 1.4270 Swiss francs from 1.4365.

In London, the pound closed marginally higher \$1.6870 compared to \$1.6840 yesterday. Some dealers said trading in London had been low due to players' interest in the Derby, the most important flat race in the British horse racing calendar.

The US unit closed lower in Paris, Brussels and Milan, at 5.6835 francs against 5.7230, at 34.73 Belgian francs against 34.91, and 1,240 lire against 1,247.40 at the previous day's close.



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## Saudi trade team for US

RIYADH, June 6, (Agencies): A top level Saudi husiness delegation will visit the United States for ten days starting on June 10 to explore areas of potential cooperation in various fields, it was disclosed here yesterday. Daily Arab News said the mis-

sion is being organised by the US foreign commercial service in co-operation with Saudi authorities and will seek to familiarise members of the delegation with the latest developments in operations and maintenance, airport safety, security and group sup-port systems in addition to other

According to the newspaper, members of the delegation will represent thirty Saudi Hi-Tech companies and will visit four American industrial cities namely Philadelphia, Denver,

Phoenix and Los Angeles.

A US official in Jeddah told the paper the delegation is also interested in exploring areas of co-operation in the fields of oilfield and petrochemical equipment, computer hardware and software, health care technology and data communications.

In another development Italy's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Mario E. Maiolini today said Italy is studying prospects of starting several joint ventures in Saudi Arabia in fields of petroleum, petrochemical industries and telecommunication sys-

In an interview with Riyadh Daily on the occasion of Italy's National Day, he said Saudi Arabia is witnessing rapid industrialisation, adding that Italy is naturally keen on participating in this process with Saudi firms.

"There are at present, several proposals under consideration hy the industrial firms of the two countries, which will bopefully culminate in setting up more joint ventures and high-tech projects," Maiolini said.

Many trade delegations and husinessmen from the two comtries have exchanged visits. In November 1984 and March 1990, the kingdom received delegations of Confindustria, the Italian general organisation, comprising almost 115,000 industrial companies.

During a visit in March this , an agreement to develo industrial investment was signed between the Saudi Council of Chambers of Commerce and Confindustria. Apart from these, Italian managers and industrialists frequently arrive in the kingdom for business purposes, the envoy said.

#### **WORLD STOCK** ROUNDUP

TOKYO, June 6, (Reuters): Stocks had firmed slightly by the close but an absence of factors drove most investors to the sidelines. The Nikkei rose 31.88 to 32,953.50. SYDNEY: Stocks closed sligh-

tly lower in trading dominated by banking stocks about to go exdividend. The All Ordinaries

fell1.9 to 1,526.9.
HONG KONG: Stocks, down nearly 20 points shortly before mid-day, shot up in late trade to end at their highest level since tanks smashed a pro-democracy movement in Beijing last year.
The Hang Seng index rose 13.43 to 3,172.49.

SINGAPORE: Stocks closed generally lower in sluggish trad-ing, with few foreign fund managers seen on the market.

BOMBAY: Share prices elosed mixed in active trading in alternate bouts of selling and buying. The Bombay Stock Exchange index eased 0.93 to 794.18. FRANKFURT: Despite positive

domestic economic data, shares tumbled 1.5 per cent in thin trading as doubts resurfaced about the cost of German monetary union. The Dax index fell 27.67 to end at 1,849.02.

ZURICH: Shares closed lower in light volume as prices consolidated at slightly lower levels after recent gains. The SPI index fell 12.7 to 1.182.4.

PARIS: Prices were generally lower at mid-day after an early rally. Applied about a parliamentary report on capital gains tax overhung the market.

LONDON: Shares were steady near the day's lows in quiet afternoon business as dealers took a break to watch the Derby horse race. At 1431 GMT the FISE index was down 21.1 at 2,359.0.

NEW YORK: Stocks showed small losses in a late morning trading. Statements from economists and from Federal Reserve officials that the Fed would not ease interest rates soon encouraged profit-taking. The Dow was down four at 2,921.

# Banks report record profits Saudis postpone electronic share dealing

BAHRAIN, June 6, (Reuter): Saudi Arabia has delayed the introduction of the first electronic share dealing system in the Gulf to avoid a traditional summer trade full.

Gulf-based analysts say the launch of the Saudi Securities Automated Information System (Sais) - initially scheduled for April - had been postponed to avoid coinciding with the Muslim boly month of Ramadan which ended in May.

Then Saudi officials decided to put

off the date for another three months to avoid a normal husiness lull between June and August, when many people take extended holidays. "The hardware is in place and the

want to start when activity picks up at the end of the summer season," one Saudi-based economist said.

Analysts say screen trading on Sais will revolutionise the kingdom's infant market by speeding up share dealing for 55 listed companies and providing accurate prices.

Under present rules, traders must go to a bank with a bid or offer and the banker involved then telephones around for a quote. Deals can take up to two months to complete.

Sais would sidestep the religiously sensitive issue of re-introducing a trading floor while giving small investors the chance to compete with prominent to company information, the analysts

It would also reduce the influence of brokers who take most of the business directly from big investors. Brokers from the kingdom's 12 commercial banks will operate the screens. "Trading floors are anchoronisms

today - you don't need to have people standing eyeball to discuss prices when the same information can be communicated electronically," one analyst said. Saudi Arabia opened a trading hall in

May 1987 but closed it a few weeks later after what bankers termed objections from some merchants and religious groups. Usury is banned by Islam.

eumbersome telephone and telex market has grown steadily, reaching an average \$7 million a day from four

million a year ago. This compares with daily trade of around \$10.3 million on Kuwait's exchange, which is the oldest in the Gulf. Business on Bahrain's official exchange is less than \$1 million a day.

Dramatic gains in stock prices of many banks and industrial firms fuelled a share trading boom in 1989, with the kingdom's official index breaking 100 for the first time last October.

It climbed about nine per cent during

118.27 on May 30.

Figures show the banking and industry sectors - which recorded gains of 19 per cent and 10 per cent respectively this year - still account for most of the

Higher oil prices and declining loan loss provisions boosted the performance of most Saudi banks in 1989. Several reported record profits, both for 1989 and the first quarter of 1990.

The banks are performing well and this is whetting the appetite for their shares," a spokesman for the Riyadhbased Consulting Centre for Finance and Investment said.

Share prices for the joint-venture

Marni Matsuzhita Ind

United Saudi Commercial Bank, a market leader, rose 48 per cent in the past five months. .

The bank's first quarter profit jumped to 27 million rivals (\$7.2 million) from 17 million (\$4.5 million) in the first quarter of 1989.

Share prices for Riyadh Bank, one or the largest Saudi banks, leaped 30 per cent. The hank's first quarter profit rose 25 per cent to 115.7 million rivals (\$31 million).

New restrictions and taxes placed on some manufactured imports coupled with a general economic upturn also improved the performance of local

International conference of businessmen

## Asian economies matching West soon

SINGAPORE, June 6, (Reuter): The rapidly growing economies of Asia will reach the level of prosperity of Western Europe in ten years and that of the United States shortly thereafter, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew said today.

Growth in Asia over the last 20 years has been led by Japan and the Asian newly industrialising nations. Their ambition and drive will carry them at high rates of growth into the next century," he told an international con-

ference of businessmen. Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan, known as the "four little dragons", have become industrialised in the past

WASHINGTON, June 6, (Reuter): While there were no

official contacts between Soviet officials and the Inter-national Monetary Fund during last week's visit to Washington by Mikhail Gorbachev, the door may be

opening to allow Moscow to seek membership in the

lending agency.

Washiguton still objects to Soviet membership but the

Washiguton still objects to Soviet membership but the

recent decision to establish a European Development Bank, with both the United States and Soviet Union as

founding members, could indicate a softening of that

"With the founding of the new bank, a door has been opened that could see Moscow moving into the main-stream of economic activity, including joining the Inter-

national Monetary Fund (IMF)," said one monetary

Headds: "There were no contacts during the Gorbachev visit. It would probably be too visible a trip for this kind of

discussion to take place."
In the past, Moscow has considered the IMF, which

monitors the international monetary system and helps

High rates of economie growth have also been attained in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, wbieh bave deregulated and liberalised their economies, Lee said.

"And I believe within this decade Burma, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos will do likewise, because they all know these are tried, effective and successful methods," he said.

Propelled by high growth rates, on average twice that of Western nations, the Asian economies will match those of Western industrialised nations by the turn of the century, Lee said.

IMF may be opening door to Moscow

NINs and Ascan will have caught up with Western Europe in terms of total GNP (Gross National Product) by the year 2000 and with the United States by early in the next decade," he

Ascan, the Association of South East Asian Nations, is made up of Indonesia, Malaysia Thailand, Brunei, Singapore and the Philippines.

Lee said .Asian nations enjoyed cohesive social values and manpower resources that allowed individuals to sacrifice for the well-being of the group. In contrast, Western ideals of

countries with balance-of-payment problems, to be a capitalist creation that good socialists should avoid.

But several countries in Eastern Europe as well as the Soviet Union's socialist rival, China, are members, and

The United States, the largest members of the IMF and its sister agency, the World Bank, has made it clear that it would oppose membership at this time.

But this could easily be changed as relations between the United States and the Soviet Union improve in an era of

glasnost and perestroiks. Washington, for instance, has accepted Soviet attendance at the General Agreement on

:::Tionically) when the IMF and World Bank were formed at the end of World War II, the United States had pressed its wartime ally to join the fund and the bank but Joseph

Some analysis are disappointed that the summit econ-

omic agenda did not appear to include any discussions on smoothing the way for Soviet membership in the IMF and

others are bining up to join.

Stalin vetoed the idea.

rights and liberties of the indididual promote innovation and creativity, he said.

"But some Americans are wondering whether a system so dependent on gifted individuals like Seymour Cray or Steve Jobs can compete against the systematic, organised group efforts of Japanese companies like NEC

or Sony," Lee said. Cray, a computer designer, is considered the father of the supercomputer, Jobs founded

Apple Computer.
Lee said increased access to most technology and com-modities had diminished the role of ownership of such resources in

economic progress.

#### KD market remains quiet

KUWAIT, June 6, (Reuter): The Kuwaiti dinar interbank deposit market was liquid today, but was generally quiet otherwise, said.

The market continued to focus on short dates. They said, and overnight eased slightly, being offered at 7-1/2 pct towards the end of trading. Tomorrow/next was quoted at 8-3/8 7-7/8, spot/next at 8-1/28-1/8, and one week at 8-5/8 8-1/4. Little activity was seen in fixed dates, and rates remained largely unchanged.

The Central Bank fixed the dinar at 0.29178/88 to the dollar, but later adjusted this to 0.29203/.

### Arab Banking Corporation \* offers shares

KUWAIT, June 6, (Kuna): The Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) here yesterday juvited Guif and non-Guif investors to subcribe in newly offered shares with a total value of \$250 million which will increase the firm's capital to

The Bahrain-based ABC is the first Gulf bank to allow non-Gulf Arab citizens own shares listed for trading in the Kuwait Stock. Exchange, Bahrain and Paris.

ABC's executive director Abdalla A. Al Sandi explained to reporters here the minutes of the new subscriptions, saying that the idea bekind it was to expand the operations of ABC to uffer competitive services on the Arab and

ABC, which is equally tweed by the governments of Kuwait, Libya and the United Arab Emirates, has a network of seven major branches in Bahrain, New York, London, Paris, Singapore, Grand Kayman islands and Milano. · ABC also owns a network of

several smaller banks operating in Jordan, Bahrain, Tripoli and Tenisia. According to Al Sandi, ABC is currently studying plans to establish a new bank in Europe in light of fundamental changes in that area.

Al Sandi said ABC has chosen three firms, in London, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, to manage the new subscription, noting that about \$200 million of the subscription will be covered in the Arab

Al Ahli Bank in Kawait will receive local investors for the new offering of ABC, the official

### **GEF plans major expansion** GULF Express Freight - the freight forwarding division of

Gulf Agency Company — is planning a massive expansion of its container freight storage facilities at Port Rashid, in Dubai. From July 1, the company will extend its transit and distribution warehouse to 60,000 sq.ft. The move is aimed at meeting a growing demand for less than container load (LCL) services and

regional distribution facilities from Dubai. "Our LCL services are becoming increasingly popular, from Europe, the USA and the Far East. It is an efficient and costeffective means of transporting goods and more and more companies are beginning to realise its benefits," said GEF's marketing manager, Bill Hill.

"The expansion means that altogether we will have 60,000 square feet of storage at Port Rashid — which is an area larger than a soccer stadium. We will be able to extend our regional distribution and storage services to our existing customers and meet the demands of new elients," he added.

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Hamad Al Sager, assistant general manager opening the seminar.

## **Bank provides** better services.

THE training centre of the Commercial Bank of Kuwait in association with the Institute of Banking Studies (IBS) conducted a two-day seminar on managing for customer satisfaction at the Hotel Meridien on May 12-13, 1990. The seminar which aimed at exposing the bank's managerial personnel to customer relationship responsibilities, was attended by regional managers, credit managers, commercial services

attended by regional managers, credit managers, commercial services managers and training staff.

The event which proved extremely fruitful in light of the current trends in the banking industry, was opened by Hamad Al Sager, the Commercial Bank's assistant general manager, personnel & security. In his inaugural speech he highlighted the role of customers and the urgent necessity of providing them with the best service possible. He called upon the seminar participants to translate into action what they gain from attending this event. Al Sager thanked IBS for its cooperation in holding theseminar. He welcomed Martin Davis of Dubai World Trade Centre, the director of the seminar. Earlier Dr Bhattacharia of the IBS gave a brief introduction.

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The main objectives of the seminar were: how to motivate members of staff to foster customer satisfaction; how to create a company culture that fosters an attitude of service excellence to all; how to complete an indicator to assess participants' own effectiveness in the areas of time, order, people and service; how to set and help staff set standards of order, people and service; now to set and neip start set standards of quality for the service they offer, how to create implementation plans to use back at the work place; and how to manage staff in order that they can perform at their best—for each other and for the customer.

The main topics Martin Davis discussed were management commitment and staff motivation, the role of staff in service excellence.

assessing one's management style, learning to provide excellence and methods of implementation.

Managing for customer satisfaction seminar is another step towards the Commercial Bank's commitment for providing better banking services for its customers.

## Vacation classes

For children aged 5 to 15 years. Drawing, painting, and handicrafts texture painting, metal embossing and dough craft.

Gen. Classes conducted by an experienced teacher, behind Fahaheel Cinema. Contact: 3919218, 8 am to 6 pm.

Al Hamad signs contract

Tha Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad yesterday signed a contract with a local company to import, install and operate six FM transmission stations at Kabd radio broadcast station. The 505,000 Kuwaiti dinar contract will be implemented in a 12-month period started from yestarday. Acting Information Undersecretary Hamad Al Roumi and other officials were present during the signing ceremony.

#### Free trade pact to be reviewed

GCC-EEC to meet on June 25

NICOSIA, June 6, (Reuter): Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) officials will hold a new round of talks later this month with the European Economic Community (EEC) to press for a free trade

pact with their main trading partner, a senior GCC official said.

The Saudi Press Agency SPA quoted GCC assistant secretary general for economic affairs Abdullah Al Quweiz as saying on Monday night that the meeting would be held on June 25 as proposed by the EEC.

He made no mention of the venue or at what level the negotiations would be conducted.

The decision to start the new round of negotiations came after a joint meeting between the GCC foreign and finance ministers Al Quweiz said the joint meeting discussed how to reach a free

trade pact with the 12-member EEC.

He said that GCC foreign and finance ministers would hold another joint meeting on September 2 to discuss the outcome of the GCC-EEC negotiations.

GCC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain want the EEC to lift painful protective tariffs on their key petrochemical and aluminium

The Gulf Arab states hope these industries will help them reduce their reliance on crude oil exports. They argue that a trade deficit with the EEC which reached 4.4 billion in 1988 is unfair.

Major expansion and diversification planned

## Uniplas entering market with fully convertible debenture issue

has recorded remarkable progress of a 14 times increase in lurnover from Rs1.8 crores to Rs26.2 crores in the three years ending June, 1989, is now poised for ongoing rapid growth estimated to touch Rs50.0 crores turnover this year ending June, 1990 and over Rs100.0 crores next year. A major expansion and diver-

sification project is now on the final stages of completion which will raise production capacity in will raise production capacity in its wide range of plastic products from 12,400 tpa in 38,400 tpa by September, 1990 (24,000 tpa capacity already aperational).

The current expansion and diversification project entails a total outlay of Rs20.8 crores which is being financed through

a 14 per cent fully convertible debentures rights-cum-public issue totalling to Rs10.8 crores and the balance by term financing from banks and financial institutions. The rights issue is already open whilst the public issue opens on June 16, 1990 for NRIs and the June 18, 1990 for the Indian public. The debentures will be fully convertible into equity shares in two parts; six and twelve months from the date of allotment.



J. B. S. Bakshi

Apart from the major quan-tum jump in capacities, the project will enable Uniplas to achieve key strategic objectives to graduate from being a one raw material (PVC), one end product (PVC pipes), one technology (extrusion), limited north India market, to a multi-polymer (LLDPE, HDPE, ABS, etc.). multi-technology (injection and rotational moulding), multi products, national marketing and services company.

Apart from further expansion of the existing plants at Noida, the company expects to commission shortly a new manufacturing operation in Daman, 200 kms north of Bombay.



Bakshi Kuldip Singh NRI director

J. B. S. Bakshi, chairman and managing director of Uniplas has further stated that timing of the Uniplas expansion is oppor-tune as there will be substantial additional indigenous avail-ability of various plastics polymers soon IPCL's new complex at Nagothane will go on stream in a few months' time; the Reliance, Haldi, Auriya and other new grassroot polymer projects are expected to result in the country's plastic polymers production to take a ten fold jump from 0.3 to 3.0 million tonnes, in this decade. The plastics processing industry now has the challenge to exploit this unprecedented opportunity of

growth through upgradation of technologies, capacity and market development. "This is the Uniplas position and strategy,' says Bakshi.

The company's products now include PVC pipes and fittings, sprinkler systems, tubewell filters and castings, indoor and outdoor water storage tanks and containers, silos, materials handling systems, automobile fuel tanks, chemical tanks, safety and water management products etc. Uniplas product lines serve crucial and priority economic

development areas of rural drinking water schemes, irrigation, water storage, telecommunica tions, construction, energy and wood conservation, automobile. power generation and a host of other industries. Conservatively these areas represent a total market potential expected to develop from its present Rs800-Rs1,000 crores size to Rs2,500 crores in the not too distant future.

Uniplas also plans to strengthen its design and engineering projects division which undertakes pipeline and other related contracts and also its present export activities which will make a sizeable and profitable con- are being very actively pursued.

tribution of over Rs6.0 crores to the turnover of the company this

years reflects it success which is quite unperallel in the plastic industry. For the current year June, 1990, an EPS of Rs10/- is the management objective, which we hope to sustain in future years too through the

further capacity increase to over 60,000 tpa for which government licensing and registrations have already been obtained.

J. B. S. Bakshi, who has

## year. The company's dividend record of 16 per cent, 20 per cent and 25 per cent in the last three

rapid increase in turnover, says Uniplas is heading rapidly towards becoming India's largest plastics processing company. New manufacturing plants are also being planned in the next three years in south and eastern India also which will result in

promoted and developed the company, was privileged recently to be officially invited by Britain to visit industrial establishments in the UK, as a state guest. This has initiated several entirely new longer term possibilities for the company which

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 The Old Gringa: Noted San Francisco journalist Ambrose Bierce, a broken man with a death wish, crossed the Mexican border in 1913 and was never heard from again. In Carlos Fuentes richly poetic tale, he imagines Bierce joining Pancho Villa's troops during the Mexican revolution and eventually getting his wish. The big-scale movie version of the Functes work is more polemical than poetical, at times ponderous, occasionally nonsensical, though with a certain, authentic earthy charm in its portrayal of the clash of two cultures and three very different people. Gregory Peck makes a rather vague Bierce a dignified, bemused, cynical observer, a white-maned conscience to the intrigued innocence of schoolmain Harriet Winslow (Jane Fonda), also trapped within the revolution, and the haunted, illrevolution, and the natured, ill-tempered geocral. Tomas Arroya (Jimmy Smits), who like Bierce is doomed by his conflict-ing desires. (1989, 119 minutes.

RCA/Columbia Home Vidco. • The Bear: Remarkably cooceived and filmed, this is a story of two bears, an orphaned cub and a giant wounded grizzly who betriends him. Together they make their way through the wilderness, over mountains, through icy rivers in a determined bid to escape two human hunters on their trail. The adventure is, or course, loaded with charm, hut it has its chilly side. It is, after all, a life and death struggle and, played out before the stunning Bavarian Alps, things can get brutal. Not just for kids, it's an outdoor yarn that should intrigue nature and animal lovers of all ages. (1989. 92 minutes. RCA/Columbia Home Vidco.

Rated PG.) • When The Whales Came: A scritmental save-the-whales-orelse lable of man and nature . Seton England's Bryher Island just before World War I, the story revolves about an elderly recluse (Paul Scofield), the lone survivor

from a neighbouring island devastated by a curse when the inhabitants proved oo beached narwhal whales. Now, the tusked creatures have run aground on Bryher and it's up to the old man and his two young friends, through whose eyes the story unfolds, to avert another disaster. Good fare for the whole family (1989, 100 mionutes. CBS/Fox Video.)

Meet Me In St Louis: This captivating musical treat is back in a special enhanced edition, restored from its original technicolor negative. Starring Judy Garland and scene-stealing Mar-garet O'Brien, the story deals with a family's experiences dur-ing the 1903 St Louis world's fair. Among Judy's showstopping tunes: The Trolley Song, Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas. The Boy Next Door. (1944. 120 minutes. MGM/UA Home

 Born To Dance: The grand Eleanor Powell dances up a storm and James Stewart sings (yes, sings), in this tip-tap musical from the mid-30s mak-ingits video bow. The plot is your basic sailor-meets-girl love story, spiced by a strong cast and some memorable Cole Porter melodies (Easy To Love, I've Got You Under My Skin). (1936, 105 min-utes: MGM/UA Home Video.) • The Little Mermaid is swimming rapidly upstream among America's video viewers. The Disney enchanter is the new No. 1 bestseller, according to Bill-board magazine, and leaped to No. 6 among rentals. Look Who's Talking is still the top

Some choice films are oo tap for June, including My Left Foot featuring Oscar-winning Daniel Day-Lewis, the delightful Always (June 14) and the volatile War Of The Roses. The Sylvester Stallone-Kurt Russell actioner Tango And Cash is due out soon, while Steel Magnolias and the documentary Roger And Me are slated for release, with the less than colestial We're No Angels and She Devil.

There are Oscars, Emmys, Grammys and Tonys. Now, add the Homers. That's the new name for the annual awards for the best on video, chosen by the Video Software Dealers Associatioo. The Homers will be announced at the VSDA Convention Ang 8.

Wood Knapp makes it clear there's sport for all sorts on video cassette with its June 26 "summer fun-and-games" lineup that features The Smothers Brothers Yo-Yo Man Instructional Video. (Yo-Yo is included).

Billboard's top 10 video

rentals 1. Look Who's Talking -RCA-Columbia Home Video. 2. Sea of Love - MCA-Universal Home Video. 3. Black Rain - Paramount

Home Video. 4. Dead Poets Society - Tonchstone Home Video.
5. Sex, Lies and Videotape —
RCA-Columbia Home Video.
6. The Little Mermaid — Walt

Disney Home Video.
7. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation — Warner Home

8. The Abyss - CBS-Fox

Universal Home Video.

9. Next Of Kin - Warner Home Video.
10. Field Of Dreams — MCA-





A scene from the Marathi award-winner Kalat Nakala.

office record of the original, Kamal Hassan will be hot property again. But the actor who has been cocking a snook at all the so-called great Hindi film directors is not likely to lap up their offers too eagerly. No more routine, hackneyed stuff for Hassan, who prefers the laurels to the folly.

 Roopa Ganguly is determined not to be identified as Drapaudi alone. Or so it seems from the way she behaves off-screen. Unlike the Rams and Sitas who enjoyed playing gods and goddesses, Roopa makes it a point to project at her image. Apart from getting rid of those long Draupadi tresses and wearing T-shirts with naughty slogans, she even does an Oye Oye when asked to perform on stage with the rest of the Mahabharata clan. In fact, sometimes embarassed members of the Chopra team subtly advise her to tone down so that the aodiences don't get too stunned seeing their Draupadi alive!

● Lata Mangeshkar has often complained about the deteriorating standards of film music. Having worked with the best, it must be frustrating for her to sing for the Annu Maliks of today. So it's not surprising that the nightingale has decided to turn composer herself.

Reportedly, she has asked Dev Anand to let her provide the score for his next film. Needless to say, the actor-director is thrilled. For, like the great singer, he too is most unhappy about the way music directors churn out their tunes. With S. D. Burman's passing away, the soul has been missing from his films.

• Aren't they all the same? When they are little nobodies dreaming great dreams, they have steady girlfriends who sacrifice everything to make their desires come true. Once they make it as heroes and the girlfriends turn wives, love flies out of the window. The wives have oo choice. Silently they



Kamal Hassan in Appu Raja.

suffer as they watch their puny boyfriends-turnedhusbands metamorphose into macho men! from Shatrughan Sinha to Shekhar Suman, they are predictably alike. Suman, who has get to achieve stardom, has reduced his wife Alka to a nervous wreck by openly flaunting his affair with the far from Simple Kapadia. Having burnt her hoats by marrying a good-for-oothing star aspirant, Alka has nobody to turn to in his hour of distress. The selfish Shekhar, of course, couldn't care less.

#### **Indian Cinema**

## Regrettable groupism

### National Awards '90

#### By Firoze Rangoonwala

THE tradition of National Awards for films reached its 37th year. The President of India gave away the gold and silver Lotus trophies, along with big cash prizes, at a gala function held recently in Delhi.

Competition, in the arts, with awards given on the best of competitions are not seen as a competition.

basis of comparison can, of course, never satisfy everybody. They are, after all, based on the personal judgements of a few members of the jury who may not be objective about merit. Apart from such prejudices, there are also linguistic, provincial and communal factors to be overcome. The 16 member jury from all over India may perhaps represent a kind of national consensus, if it works by real

majority ruling.

Eveo them, the final choice seemed restricted. Out of 97 feature films entered in 16 different languages, only twenty-six movies shared all the awards. The language division also looks lopsided. Bengali films were in majority, tagged with Assamese, Oriya and the Eastern dialect Karbi. Two or three films each in Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Tamil got the awards. There was only one film each in Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi. Only three Hindi films got comparatively minor awards.

A certain amount of lobhying by Bengali jury members becomes visible for the films of certain directors. The top award for the best feature film went to Bagh Bahadar. Though made in Hindi, it is a typical Bengal production by Buddhadeb Dasgupta. And it's a rather thin film about a folk performer unable to survive the onslaught of attractive urban culture and changing times. The second best feature film, also Bengali, is Parshuramer Kuthar by Nabyendo Chatterji. It portrays the hypocritical attitude of a small town's sociopolitical forces towards a woman. Its lead actress, Srilekha Mukherji, won the best actress award for playing a wet ourse who is scorned.

Yet another Bengali film Chhanda Neer won awards for its lyrics, singer etc. This is a mediocre film by Utpalendu Chakrabarty oo a singer's life.

The Karbi film from the East called Wosobipo is a technically amateurish effort. But this managed to bag two wards. The Bengali film Kaal Abhirathi got a special jury award for being "experimental" Satyajit Ray, the veteran, was given a token recogni-tion for his Ganashatru and was named the Best Bengali film in the regional list. The Assamese Banani and the Oriya Andha Diganta got other

The Southern honours were stolen by Adoor Gopalakrishnan for Mathilukal (Walls), a film oo experiences of the real-life writer V. Mohd Basheer in prisnn. It actor Mammootty, the famed Malayalam star, got the "best" award for his work in this film as well as T.Hariharan's Oru Vadakkan Veergatha, which also brought the screenplay award to M.T. Vasudevan Nair.

Bombay had to remain satisfied with awards in the smaller categories. Of course, much was made of Chandni awarded as the best film providing popular wholesome entertainment, or rather "clean romantic entertainment with smooth performances and fresh folk lyrics". Forgotten was the fact that it shared this award with the Telugu film Gitanjali. Moreover, Maine Pyar Kiya with its real starless and musical freshness deserved the award equally but



Mammootty in Mathilukal.

was disqualified because of the hero's fights with his enemies io the climax.

Among other Bombay-based films, Purinda won the best supporting actor (Nana Patekar) and best editing. Singer Anuradha Paudwal won ao award for the Marathi film Kalat Nakalat. The Punjabi Marki Da Deeva featuriog Hindi stars, won in the regional film category. So, too may be counted Percy in Parsi-Gujarati. The Bombay industry also special meotion for "his great ficesse and unequalled range" in Mahesh Bhait's telefilm Daddy. But so did Malayalam hero Mohanlat for

The commercial industry did not care about Sayeed Mirza's Saleem Langde Pe Mat Ro getting the best Hiodi film Award and best for Photography award. This N.F.D.C. film on communal disharmony is considered an art movie suitable for ao elite. Anyway, a triumph for Bombay and Maharastra was the Dada Saheb Phalke Award bestowed on Lata Mangeshkar, for her long and meritorious cootributioo. Lata is taken to be neck-deep in popular films.

But there was dissension. Many felt that Lata has been over-honoured and over-awarded. Recently she herself declared that she will not accept any more awards. The Phalke award, decided directly by the Ministry and not the jury always gathers political understooes. There is some consideration or the other, for this or that party, regioo or person. The new National Froot government preferred to take a safe ooo-commital path. By giving an award to Lata it would not be making any political hlunder. But

then, did Dilip Kumar not deserve it?

Adoor's film Mathilukal woo four awards. Incidentally it was totally ignored in the Keral State government's own awards. But Ray's Ganashatru got only ooe, as if its other aspects did not count.

Most interesting are the entries which did not get any award Conspicuous in Aparna Sen's Sai with

any award. Conspicuous in Aparna Sen's Sati with Shabana Azmi, and Unn' in Malayalam by G. Arvindan, who is internationally known. Other zero-getters were Basu Chatterji's Kamla Ki Maut, Govind Nihalani's Jazire, Sachio's Atmavishwas and Kamalahasan's Apoorva sagotharagal in Tamil now made in Hindi as Appu Raja.

The jury expressed regrets far not awarding Kumar Shahni's Khayal Gatha and Gautam Ghose's Meeting a Milestone. Why?

In future, it would be fair if jury groupism is

avoided and self-appointed spokesman and orators like Basu Bhattacharya are kept away. The jury's soft-spoken chairman Atmaram was oot happy with the final results!

## Mini Meet — Neelam

## Seeking a mature image

You have retained the innocent girlish image in too many films. How long can you make do with it?

I know. It has been over-played and I have overshot it. It became popular with Jawani and then there were no tecnage girls around. So I held the

Do you feel threatened by the new young heroine

Not exactly. I have my place. Film makers know. my worth. Moreover, I am also changing myself, yon will see a slightly stout and more mature

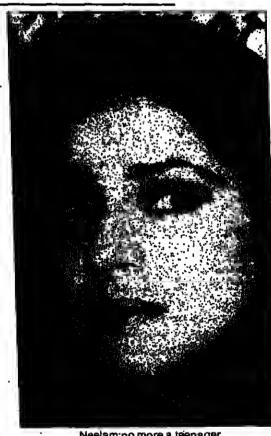
Neclam in coming films.

Which ones? And where do your bopes lie?

Ranbhoomi, Indrajit, Vishnu Devaa. In Indrajit I
play Amitabh's daughter and Kumar Gaurav's
girl. It's a sensible, significant role.

Are you leaving romance to other boys and girls?

No, no. I am not so old as all that, Infact, the immediate release is Afsana Pyar Ka in which Aamir Khan and I go to college, sing in the rain and indulge in all the yuppie stuff.



Neelam:no more a teenager.

## **Star Slips**

in Notice

Jane Fonda

Juhi Chawla: "It's really sad when a film maker of Rakesh Roshan's calibre asks you to dare all-bare all, as Shilpa finally did in Kishen Kanhaiya, which I had refused."

Hema Malani: "I am going to launch a feature film under my direction, but definitely not with Dharmendra, I don't waot to take him because he won't listen to what I say or want. So what's the point?

Kirti Kumar: "Brother Govinda is not in his right frame of mind. He is too confused. He does not know what he is doing."

Anju Mahendru: "Dimple and I are quite friendly. We have so much in commoo. After all we were both involved with the

Amrita Singh: "I tease Amitabh that I will just for him from diapers to grave. But not so in reality . So what if Rekha got married? I can't be the joker replacing the missing card in his



Kumar Gaurav and Amala in Jurrat. Amala is seeking payment from Gaurav's father, Rajendra Kumar.

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Saawan Kumar resolved the conflict with oewcomer Rukhsar by giving her up. The upstarts must learn a lessoo of what they can lose. The second best discovery was flown in: real name Mrinalini Nivedita. Saawan promptly gave her the screen-name Chandni. (Nothing succeeds like success). So Sanam Bewafa was launched with Salman and Chandni. We hope the secood girl will not turn bewafa after shooting six reels.

■ The rejected regretful Ruskhsar has been mothered by none other than Sabiah, the famous aunt who made Sonam a star, with her shrewdly designed clothes. Now that Sonam is cencentrating a Rajiv Rai and not her career, Sabiah wants another client to survive in the inclustry. May be her pleas to producers may get Rukhsar some roles where she may outshine Chandni.

Rekha's decision of using "Rekha Mukesh" has the producers in a tizzy. They wonder if the new name will click. And what about the costly publicity material already prepared and printed, like poster, show-cards etc. Surely Rekha can't insist on changing all that, just to please her husband or show that she is married.

Amala has bitter memories of working in Bombay after Pushpak. She says that Kumar Gaurav was cute and helpful but his Kanjoos papa Rajendra Kumar never paid her for Jurrat. And to make matters worse, the film bombed. Now when she demands her dues, the producer says she was not accepted by the audience.

If Rajesh Khannna and Dimple got together for a talk-show session at the insistence of film mags, it was not to favour them or do a service to readers. It was all for the benefit of free poblicity for Jai Shiv Shanker, produced by Rajesh. The timing is right the film is

In the footsteps of Mumtaz other faded and jaded girls are trying a come-back. It has been heard that even Helen will return as Amitabh's mother in Akeyla, Minus, of course, her sexy dances.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

OUESTION: Although a medication I was taking was supposed to calm my nerves. I became so jumpy and restless that the doctor finally told me to just stop taking the pills. I thought tranquilizers were supposed to quiet you down, but that wasn't the case with me. Can you figure out what went wrong, and please

Answer: The restlessness you describe is a syndrome aptly called "akathisia," which is Greek for "no sitting down." It is a common side effect of several medications for anxiety and other psychiatric problems. Up to 20 per cent of patients taking abti-psychotic medications may develop this syndrome. Akathisia also can develop on its own in patients with Parkinsoo's Dis-

People suffering from akathisia feel very restless and are very physically active. They fidget and cannot stay seated without squirming for more than a few minutes. They often stand up and walk or march in place, if they are not allowed to walk about. Many patients state that their restlessness is relieved by the activity.

The problem with alcathisia as a drug side effect is that it's often thought to be a worsening of the anxiety or psychosis that the drug was supposed to treat. Instead of reducing or eliminating the medication, physicians may be fooled while treating a parient who paces the halls of a hospital or marches in place and may increase the dosage of the medication, which only makes the behaviour worse.

The medications that can cause akathisia include many commonly used tranquilizers, which have a proven desirable effect for the conditions of most patients. If the medication cannot be discontinued

## SOME TRANQUILIZERS HAVE UNWANTED SIDE

because it is having a much desired result, the akathisia side effect can be reduced with other drugs. In your case, the solution may be to try another tranquilizer that won't cause the same disruptive side effects.

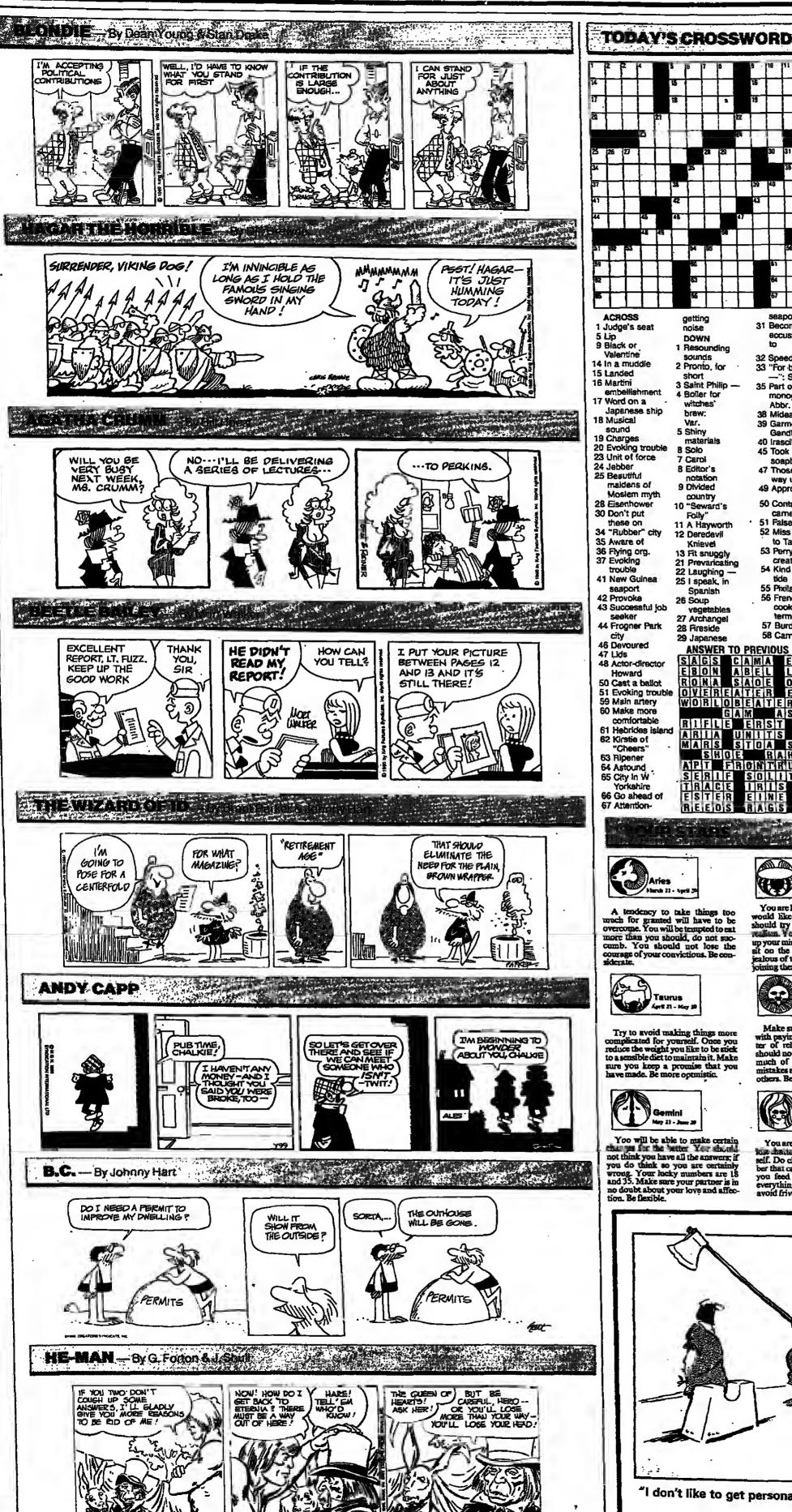
Question: Althought we read of many types of tumors and cancers and are told that heart disease causes many deaths, I don't think I've heard of a cancer of the heart. This would certainly be a most tragic disease and something that should receive study. Could

you discuss this for me?

Answer: Though there is much to know about preventing cancer of the lungs, and early detection of breast cancers for early treatment, there is a legitimate reason for little discussion of heart tumors. They are among the most uncommon tumors found in postmortem examinations, with an occurance rate of only 0.3 per cent. Primary tumors of the heart - those that originate in the heart muscle itself - are mostly benign tumors and doo't spread to other parts of the body. The most commonly found growth is called a myxoma, or tumor of the connective tissue.

Although the greatest danger with tumors growing in the heart is their ability to disrupt the flow of electrical impulses that control the rate and rhythm of the heartbeat, myxomas also produce symtoms that include weight loss, fatigue, painful joints, fever and even a rash. When the tumors grow into the cavity of the heart, they can also interrupt the easy passage of blood through the heart.

While the study of any disease leads to knowledge that may help fight other illnesses, it's the major diseases that receive the most attention, and that's the way



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Opening lead: Five of  $\nabla$ Had most players we know held who picked up this uninspiring col-

than-minimum opening bid with and the ace of hearts.

spade support. Since South had a clear preference in the minor suits. his bid of two clubs was to prevent North running from the redouble to two diamonds. Lawrence wielded the ax, partly as a warning to partner not to bid on, then defended beautifully to reap the maximum dividend.

Dummy's ace won the first trick and, with nothing better to do, declarer returned a heart. East took the king and switched to the king of trumps, taken by the ace.

When declarer next led a low diamond off dummy, East inserted the queen to lead another trump through declarer, who played low, allowing West to win the jack and return a trump to the queen.

A diamond to the jack forced the ace and East exited with a heart. the West hand, they would still be Declarer inserted the eight and Lawcomplaining about the dearth of rence discarded! Next came the high cards they had been dealt. Not queen of hearts and Lawrence again so many-time world champion refused to ruff. Declarer ruffed his Mike Lawrence, of Berkeley Calif., last heart in dummy, hut that was North-South's sixth and last trick. lection during the Open Pairs event Note that had Lawrence ruffed, deat the recent Spring North American clarer would have been down only Championship in Fort Worth, one. Dummy would have been able to overruff and cash three diamond East's redouble showed a better- winners to go with two trump tricks







A tendency to take things too much for granted will have to be overcome. You will be tempted to eat more than you should, do not suc-cumb. You should not lose the courage of your convictions. Be considerate.



Try to avoid making things more complicated for yourself. Once you reduce the weight you like to be suck to a sensible diet to maintain it. Make sure you keep a promise that you have made. Be more optimistic.



Yoo will be able to make certain charges for the better. You should not think you have all the answers, if you do think so you are certainly wrong. Your lucky numbers are 18 and 35. Make sure your partner is in no doubt about your love and affection. Be flexible.



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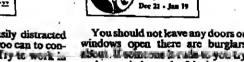
Make sure you do not fall behind with paying regular bills. Some mat-ter of relatively small importance should not be allowed to take up too much of your time. Look out for mistakes and not only those made by others. Be considerate.



You are rather given to gossip and too chacter and should rest ain yourself. Do check your figures, remember that calculators only act on what you feed into them. Do not take everything quite so seriously but avoid frivolity. Be reasonable.

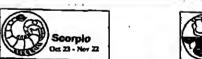


You are all too easily distracted and should do what yoo can to con-testrate your mind. It it work in surroundings that are agreeable to you. Avoid saying anything that you do not really mean. Be fair.



windows open there are burglars about If someone is rade to you try to ignore it instead of losing your temper. You will get further with charm and persuasion than by using force Be aware.

Capricorn



Take a little more care about your pursonal appearance. Yoo will have something to be pleased about burdo not let it go to your head. There remains a lot to learn and yoo should not hesitate to do so, however, old you are. Be econous. you are. Be generous.



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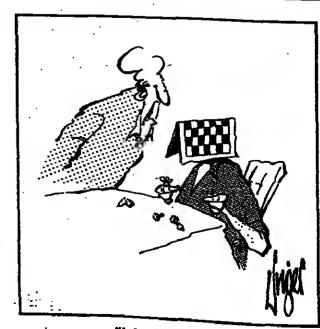
You are liable to make some unwarranted assumptions. You would do well do be a little more tidy and cleanly. Watch out you are liable to miss an important fact and if you do your surmise will be valuless. Be



Something you do not much are doing will have to be done. Do it now and then it will be out of the way. Have a little more faith in yourself at well as confidence in those close to you. Be tolerance.



"I don't like to get personally involved."



"I hate chess!"

# Britan's 'shady lady' Perky observer

### ... in new controversy

THE lady with the longish blond hair and starched white shirt cutting into crah cakes at afashionable Hollywood eatery is practically indistinguishable from other Californian lunching ladies. Highly tanned and rather slim, looking crisp and perky, only a quizzical eyebrow raised. at the pretentious antics of a supercilious maitre d' suggests an outsider, an observer rather

than a full participant. Helen Mirren was once the "shady lady" of the British theatre. In works of Shakespeare and others she specialised in sexually obsessed women who usually paid a price for their passion. She has now hved for over five years in one of those stately Mediterranean mansions that dot the hills above Los Angeles. With her resides the main reason she gave up hearth and home for exile in the smoggy sunlight of Los Angeles — American director Taylor Hackford, whom she met and fell in love with while making the film "White Nights"

"I never really formally decided to move," she confesses. "It just sort of happened in dribs and drabs. I found myself spending more and more time here between jobs. I think it was also some kind of midlife thing. I wanted to throw over the old and start again - re-evaluate who I was and where I was and alf of that stuff," lf of that stuff."
Always a restless spirit, the

convent-educated rebel hild her convent-educated rebel hild her move debut more than the decades ago opposite langes. Masoo in the Australia on the Australia on the Australia on the Consent of the convention of an alarming propensity for taking off her clothes, but only. wheo the part requires it. She is hardly your typical great lady of . the theatre and certainly not the

Type to make the with a house in the country, doing good works and mothering a dynasty of acting Mirrens.

And now Mirren finds herself sian bang in the centre of new controversy. This time it is over her latest film release, director Peter ("The Draughtsman's

nitish actress Helen hear of a new contreversy in Hollywood, where she lives with the man for whom she gave up home and hearth.

house and sparts from Hellywood to Manhattan since it opened in America in the beginning of April. In the film Mirren plays the abused wife of the thief abused wife of the thief (portrayed brutally and memorably by British actor Alighted Gamben from public taleunon's "The Singing Detective") It is a movie she with describes as "The Discreet Chairmon the filter and the Chairmon the Chairmon

should out in a lavish restaurant financed by the crass and repulsive Albert (Gambon)— that flip Motion Picture Association of America gave the

picture an X rating. Miramax

Films decided to release the film without a rating rather than have it lumped in with a slew of soft-porn pictures. Ads for the film carry the warning that no one under 18 will be admitted.

In the wake of the storm (there have been reports that andience members have walked ont); Mirren has been doing interviews and appearing on television as the picture's most visible defender on the North American continent. She also went to New York to appeal the

rating.

"It's much racier than 'Sex, Lies and Vidcotape' (1989) and very much more than an arthouse picture," explains the actress who stepped into the role when Vanessa Redgrave reportedly balked at some of the sex scenes. "But I do hope the controversy gets people into the cinema. I've learned a lot about the ratings system now. Some of those teenager horror flicks I've seen oo cable have an R rating. They're much more horrific and

Amid the shouting it would be easy for the film itself to get lost. Really, Mirren points oot, it's a simple tale.

"It's 'man meets bitch, man marries bitch, man loses bitch all in the confines of a stylish restaurant," she says, washing down a mouthful of food with a swig of cappuccino. Mirren goes on to elaborate about the bizarre plot: "The appalling husband is racist, sexist, violent, stupid and impotent. He is a dreadful monster who abuses his wife, He's every horrible thing you can imagine a man being. His wife seeks liberation with her lover in the kitchen. Most of the action is played out over 10 days in the restaurant's kitchen, bathroom and parking

Despite the censorship battle, now that Mirren is firmly entrenched in California (she



Helen Mirren: in the midst of a controversy

still goes back to England for both stage and screen work), she feels able to explain something that shocked the English considerably more than "The Cook, the Thief": the fact that Mirren has defected to America.

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"At the time I was just really sick in England. I was sick of the politics. I was sick of the press, but oot because of anything they did to me. It wasn't personal, I was just sick of reading about soap-operas stars and the royal family. I was sick of Thatcherism and yuppies.

England has transformed so fast. I couldn't recognise the young people, even the working-class ones. There seemed to be oo oobility left in England at all. It was crass and gross and I couldn't stand it."

It was neither money nor the desire for wider international stardom that drove Mirren to the smoggy bosom of Los Angeles. Nor was it simply her romance with director Hackford, though obviously that played a part. The city itself. attracted her, she insists.

"I was terribly excited by America in general and by Los Angeles in particular. It was so foreign here, much more so than New York. It's really weird and I like the weirdness of it. It was thrilling - the whole immigrant society, the lack of a class system, no royal family -

everything I've always wanted." But a funny thing happened to her and she settled into life in Los Angeles: She started appreciating what she'd left behind.

"Of course, the greatest thing

to do is leave. From a distance everything falls into perspective. I'd lost sight of what was wooderful about England. I've fallen completely head over heels in love with England again."

Hollywood, meanwhile, seems to have fallen completely head over heels in love with her. Because they recognise that she's oo English rose, she is instead cast in exotic roles. So far this granddaughter of a czarist Russian government official who fortuitously found himself in Londoo with his

revolution broke out, has played three Russians in the soan of almost a decade. The first was ao astronaut scientist in "2010" (1984), the oext was a retired ballerina io "White Nights" and earlier this year she was in HBO's "Red Kiog, White Knight," which was shot in Budapest. In the latter she played another mysterious Soviet, opposite Tom Skerritt as a CIA agent and her lover, and Max von Sydow as his Soviet counterpart.

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On top of the world

# Golden Girl

By Ivor Davis

"FOR heaven's sake don't ask her about Jack," the nervous publicist mutters in myear just before I sit down with Anjelica Huston. The lady herself

sits waiting, equally as nervous.

She's always been a handsome woman — oot pretty certainly, beautiful sometimes, on the right day and at the right angle — but handsome always.

Tall and broad-shouldered, with a strong oose, a crafted inw. intense ever and long long pervous crafted jaw, intense eyes and long, long nervous fingers, she projects strength, courage and the I-don't-give-a-damn individuality that has been bred into the hones of every Huston. Why then is everyone walking around as if on eggshells and no ooc more than the lady herself?

For Hustoo and her career, it's the best of times. She is currently appearing in two feature films: Woody Allen's "Crimes and Misdemeanors" and "Enemies, A Love Story" for director Paul Mazursky. Her performance in the latter, which was nothing short of sensational, brought her a most-deserved Best Supporting Actress Oscar nomination. It pits her against "Enemies" co-star Lena Olin. For the future Huston has Nicholas Rocg's "The Witches" and Stephen Frears' "The Grifters" already in the can.

There's oo question this is the best time in my career," she says. "I can't believe my life. I have nothing whatsoever to complain about. I couldn't have done it better in my dreams."

So she's out doing interviews and spreading the good word. But in handling the media there are risks. Rumour has it that her loogtime lover/companioo/soul mate/best friend Jack Nicholson has reportedly left an actress who worked with him on "The Two Jakes" (his long-awaited new film) an expectant mother. And there is supposedly a second woman who has blabbed to the tabloids about her romantic liaisons with Nicholson, the two affairs were apparently cooducted simultan-

· Ironically, in "Crimes and Misdemeanors" Huston plays the mistress of a successful man who is so anxious to get rid of her that he helps plan her murder. And in "Enemies" she plays a woman who returns home from the Holocaust to find her husband married to two other women. Journalists are all too anxious to draw embarrassing parallels

between these situations and Hustoo's private life. "I hope you're not a victim like that in your own life," somebody fired at her the day before.

"I don't have much patieoce for people who

make themselves victims," she shot back. "I think it's something women talk about to get sym-

pathy."
Today she's more wary, guarded even. Every sentence comes out reluctantly, hesitantly. She fiddles with a wrist full of gold bracelets, she taps her fingers tentatively on the arm of her chair. She fends off each question like Jimmy Connors defends the net: her racket poised for the next question almost before she has volleyed back the

"I haven't read it," she says frostily of Playboy interviewer Lawrence Grobel's new book, "The Hustons" (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1989). In it her father John Huston is depicted as a sadistic, insecsitive bully and Anjelica and his other children are just a few of the people on whom he preys. "It's

sitting on my shelf. I lived with the Hustons, I doo't need to read about them. I've heard some extracts and I think it's inaccurate. I think it's compilation of interviews. I don't think it adds up to much. It's certainly not my Bible."

The book, in fact, is a well-researched, definitive history of the Hustons written with the late direc-

tor's approval and the participation of most of the

family, including daughter Anjelica.
"She was very reluctant at first," Grobel says of Anjelica. "She said families were like onions and she wasn't sure she wanted to see all the layers of this one pecled."

And no wonder. There's one photograph in the book that seems all too revealing. It pictures a rather fragile-looking Anjelica at about age 8, playing on the lawn of St Clerans, the family's Georgian mansion near Galway, Ireland. Anjelica

clinging to her father's tweed-jacketed arm with both hands, as if desperately trying to keep him there. He didn't stick around long, though. He left Anjelica's beautiful mother Ricki Soma to fry other fish. Soma, a Balanchine ballerina, was killed in a car accient when Anjelica was still in her

"She's always been alone in the world," says Grobel. "There's a wall around her, a certain coldness. But really the only wooder is that she's oot mroe neurotic than she is."

When father was around he was oot one to take a woman seriously, oot even his daughter.

"My father had oo respect for women," says Anjelica's brother Tony. "He used them, then ignored them."

Nicholson's simultaneous involvement with two other women, one of them reportedly carrying his child, parallels a scene from Angelica's past: In her early life her father had an illegitimate son with one woman, while having an affair with a second All the while he was married to a third.

People keep asking me what all the stuff between her and Jack is about," says Grobel. "I just say Jack is repeating John's behaviour exactly. In any case she learned early oot to expect much in the way of consideration or fidelity for men."
Without a mother, there was no one to boost her

ego and tell her she really was beautiful when the reviews from her film debut in her father's "A Walk With Love and Death" (1969) called her "a plain ... young woman who perhaps can't act."

"I was made to feel very unattractive," she says. But dried her tears and started working as a model in New York. After a few small parts in films and on television she found she couldn't get arrested in Hollywood. But the acclaim that followed her sensational performance as Macrose Prizzi in the next film for her father, "Prizzi's Honor" (1985), went far in restoring her confidence. A woman who could deliver the line: "Hey Chawley, let's do it right here on the Oriental," in impeccable Brooklynese and make it funny and sad and believable could certainly act, as the Academy Awards that year affirmed: Huston won for Best Supporting Actress.

"I felt very lucky that it happened the way it did," she says now. "In a certain way God smiled on me. I wouldn't have wanted to have had great success very early on. I think particularly oow when the media is so enormous and so immediate

New York both plan film retrospectives. The United States post office has approved and designed a

commemorative stamp for issue later this year or early 1991. The city of Santa Monica, where the comedian lived for many years, will rename a street in his honour.

Fees up: The city of Los Angeles, which has been fighting against runaway movie and TV production in recent years,

against runaway movie and TV-production in recent years, upped its fees for filming on city property.

The City's board of public and in the rate to \$300 a day, its first such hike in 10.

Angeles county, which charges are the city increased its rate by \$100.

According to Charles and TV affairs and will not recover the cost of serving the film industry in the increased rate.

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Television emerged the No.1 provider of programming for the coming season with a total of II series for the major US television networks.

output output con-TV producers, this time remembring eight hours of programming on ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox Broadcasting.

When combined with Warner Bres. TV - both under the ambrella of Time Warner - the output represents 17 series and 12-1/2 hours of reference and 12-1/2 hours of shows.

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Her first is Civil Wars, based on a novel by Rose Ellen Brown with Larry Gordon set to produce. Field will play a furthern US school teacher lively in the South and manufacture a Civil Rights

Sally Field

Godfather wrape: After 27 weeks of the start by on locations in Italy and New York street the graphs of Part 1/2 has complited shooting under the direction of Frances Ford Cop-

Scheduled for release this holiday season, the final production in Paramount's mafia family triology has cost approximately \$55 million, making it one of the most expensive movies ever made.

Al Pacino reprises his role as Michael Corleone with Coppola's 18-year-old daughter Soften placing Winona Ryder as Mary Corleone. The first two films in the successful grossed more than \$700 million for the studio.

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## **Forgotten**



Lords of the Nursery Wait in a row, Five on the high wall, And four on the low; Big Kings and Little

Kings, Brown Bears and Black, All of them waiting Till John comes back. Some think that John

Is lost in the wood. Some say he couldn't be, Some say he could. Some think that John

Hides on the hill: Some say he won't come

Some say he will. High was the sun, when John went away..... Here they've been wait-

All through the day; Big Bears and Little

White Kings and Black, All of them waiting Till John comes back. Lords of the Nursery Looked down the hill, Some saw the sheep-

Some saw the mill; Some saw the roofs Of the little grey town.... And their shadows grew

As the sun slipt down. Gold between the

An old moon shows: Silver up the star-way The full moon rose; Silverdown the star-way The old moon crept... And, one by another, The grey fields slept. Lords of the Nursery Their still watch keep... They hear from the sheep-fold ·

The rustle of sheep.
A young bird twitters
And hides its head; A little wind suddenly Breathes, and is dead. Slowly and slowly Dawns the new day... What's become of John

No one can say. Some think that John

Is lost on the hill; Some say he won't come

Some say he will. What's become of John boy?

Nothing at all. He played with his skipping rope, He played with his ball. He ran after butterflies,

Blues ones and red;

He did a hundred happy And then went to bed.

What is a ghost's favourite Haunting melodies.

What job did the lady ghost have on an aeroplane? An air ghostess.

Where do ghosts like to

In the Dead Sea.

## Join the dots



Dear Junior readers,

If you are leaving Kuwail during vour summer holidays, do not forget to take a reliable carriera and rales of film.

Taking photographs of new places, people and cultures is not only tun but beautiful to remember at later dates. Even if you are going to your homeland and will be meeting the same people you see every year, these people will have grown older One year and they will change during the up-coming year too.

If the lands you visit are stronge, make the most of your visit by sightseeing and explor-ing traditions like different food and clothing. Try and under-stand why the traditions are useful for the culture and way of

Always keep n small notepad and a pencil with you so that you can jot down the things you may forget. When you have spare time, before going to bed for example, think of all new things you learnt during the day. Finally, when you return to Kuwait write down all your new experiences, with photographs and mail them to JUNIOR TIMES. We will be happy to print

Have a pleasant haliday.

## Modern English School

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## Finding out about ten (10)

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How far can you count in tens? I can count up to \_\_\_\_ in tens.

These words may help you fingers toes 10p telephone dial

Write and draw The Story of Ten. dominoes. Sleeping Beauty and her friends.



WHEN grade 5 PA from the Modern School go on holiday for the summer, they will leave behind them, at school, some new members of the class. Dracula, Snow White, Rambo, Robin Hood, Bugs Bunny, Pinochio and Sleeping Beauty.

project called "I Love to Read" month.

The children all enjoyed making the puppets and so did the

The 6 foot fall figures were made in the Art class as

teacher Mrs West, most of the time.



Robin Hood and his friends





Jeans are called jeans because they were first made in the city of Genoa in Italy. The French name for that city is Genes.

The latest method the American Navy have used for recovering torpedoes which have been lost in deep water is by sending trained whales to retrieve

Charles 11 was the first British king to go to a public theatre. It was also in his reign that the first women were allowed to act the female parts in plays. Before then these parts were taken by young

It was in 2,700 BC that the world's first roads were built in China. But it was not until 1000 years later that the first wheeled vehicles were invented.

In the year AD 603 the last Roman Senate met. It had been in power for over 1000 years before that.

The idea of a tunnel under the English Channel is not as new as you might imagine; in Napoleon's reign it was first proposed. Eighty years later in 1880 it was rejected by the British because it would make Britain easier to

The first dentists in Japan pulled teeth with their fingers. They had to practise to make their fingers stronger to do so.

The first Cinderella did not wear glass slippers. That idea came from a mistranslation from the French. The words for 'squirrel fur' and that for 'glass' are similar in French; 'vair' and

verre'. A glass slipper does sound more romantic though.

Sir Issac Newton was probably the greatest scientist the world has ever known. The legend of his discovery of gravity by watching an apple fall is one of the few legends that are true. But Newton left school as a teenager to follow his first choice of career; to be a farmer.

Football was first played by the Chinese in about 350 BC. It was called 'Tsu Chu'. It was played in England from the twelfth century but no rules were used until 1846.

In 1709 the first recorded ascent in a hot air balloon took place in Portugal inside the Casa da India.

Laso Biro invented the first ball-point pen that was successful. He was in fact a Hungarian hypnotist and not an inven-tor. In 1959 when the first throw-away biros were sold in the shops over 53 million were sold in the first year.

Frank Wooton was England's leading jockey from 1909 to 1912. He won his first race when he was only nine years - The first farmers in America were

The last words of Joel Chandler Harris, the American writer who wrote the Uncle Remus stories, when asked how he felt were; "I am ahout the extent of a gnat's eyebrow better."

You can generally tell if a person is left or right handed by which foot they put into their trousers first.

The song 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' refers to Oliver Cromwell, though most people think it was first sung during the American Civil War. The line he stuck a feather in his hat and called it macaroni refers to a strange Italian hat with a long feather of which Cromwell was particularly fond.

women. At that time men went hunting and fishing while the women ran the

One of the first remedies for toothache was to eat a mouse. Even the dentist does not sound so bad after that!

When the ballet "The Rite of Spring' by Stravinsky was first performed it caused a bit of a stir. In fact the

audience was so outraged by its very different style that a riot broke out and Stravinsky had to escape from the crowd by crawling out of the theatre's back window.

In Tibet when a guest first arrives at your house it is the custom to greet them by sticking your tongue out at them.

The fifteenth century saw the last fashion in diamond jewellery for men finally disappear. Before then it was men, not women who wore diamonds.

The first 'Teddy Bears' were named after the American President, Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt, who was once photographed with a baby bear that set the fashion of toy teddy bears that has lasted ever since.



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### Wordsearch

### KEEP ON SMILING

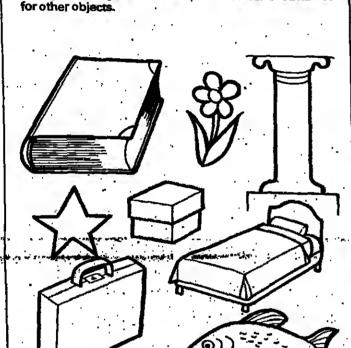
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### **Double-Barrelled Words** Pair up these objects to make four double-barrelled names

The eldest of six boys had just passed his driving-test. His brothers gathered round enviously to congratulate him, to which he replied graciously, Thanks, boys. And I tell you what: now that I've got my own car, you can all move up one bike!

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church and not Hers? Because they all finish with Amen and not

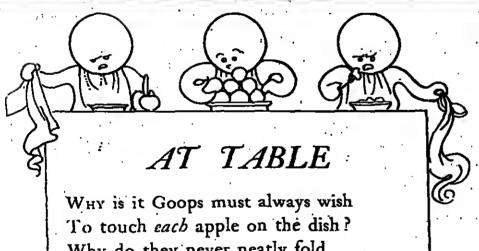


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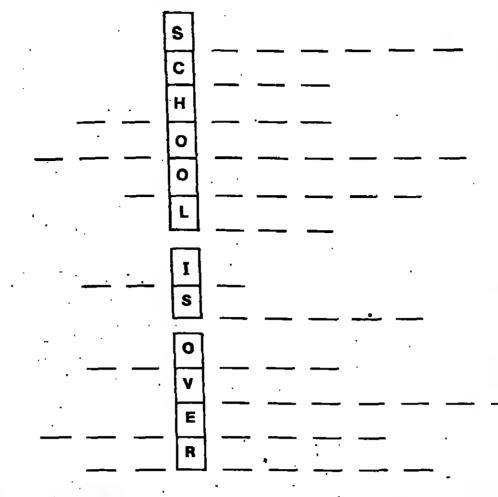


Why do they never neatly fold Their napkins until they are told? Why do they play with food, and bite Such awful mouthfuls? Is it right? Why do they tilt back in their chairs? Because they're Goops! So no one cares!



#### Now The Fun Begins

Directions: Place the words from the list below in the spaces. Place one letter in each space. Usa each word only once.



Word List:

lazy baseball summer

surfing camp sharts

schaal swim repart card

barefeet vacation haliday

### Happy birthday



Maria Dias turns 11 on





Alagumail turns 17 today



Kristal Mathias on June 7.



Charmaine Tellis turns 10

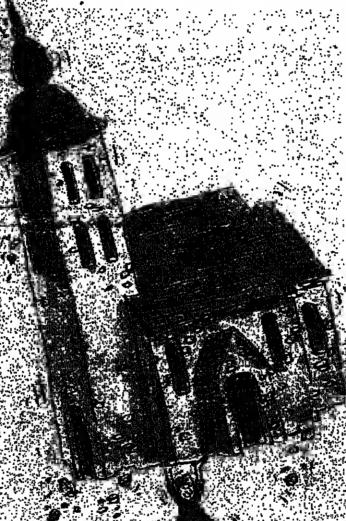


Ruben Abraham turns 11



Ria D'Souza turned 4 on

## About buildings and other structures



**Colouring time** 

In 1975, a complete 400-year old church io Cze-choslovakia was moved 730m (800 yards) to a oew

The clock tower at the Houses of Parliament in London is referred to as "Big Ben'. Big Ben' in fact the name of the bell inside, and is named after Sir Benjamin Hall, a tall and rather fat man who was commissioner of works when the bell was cast.

The lighthouse at the island of Pharos was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It was built of white marble, and stood 134, (440ft) high. Fires were lit at the top to guide seamen.

The famous 'leaning tower' at Pisa in Italy was originally built as a bell tower, and was completed in the 14th century. It has gradually become more and more tilted, and is now about 5.6m (18ft) out of true.

Knole House, a stately home in England, has 365 rooms, 52 staircases, and 7 courtyards - one for each day of the year, ooe for each week of the year, and one for each day of the week!

At nearly 170 km (105 miles), the West At nearly 170 km (105 miles), the West Delaware water supply tunnel in New York City is the world's loogest tunnel. The longest conventional railway tunnel is that running under the Tanigawa mountain in Japan, at 22.2 km (13 mi), and the loogest road tunnel the St Gotthard tunnel in Switzerland, which runs for 16km (10 mi) and cost £176,600,000 to huild. In 1985 ambitious plans were announced for a 50km (30 mi) railway tunnel under the English Channel, between Britain and France, at a cost of about £2 1/2 billion.

There are two obelisks called Cleopatra's Needle, one standing in London and one in New York. Neither has anything at all to do with Cleopatra, but were dedicated to the pharaoh Thothmes III.

The Great Wall of China is 2400km (1500 miles) or more in length, 12m (40 ft) high, and 4.5m (15ft) across remarkable for a structure built in the third century BC.

Another remarkable ancient structure is the great pyramid at Geza, Egypt, which is 230m (750ft) square, and made of about 2,300,000 blocks of stone, each weighing 2 1/4 tonnes.

The largest Gothic cathedral in the world is still under construction. The Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York has been carefully built hy hand. It has taken almost 100 years to reach its present state and the work will cootinue for several more decades.

Saint Sophia at Istanbul was built in AD 532-537 as a Christian cathedral. It has since been a Islamic mosque, and is now a museum.

The tallest cathedral spire in the world is that of Ulm cathedral in Germany, which stretches to 160m In 1945 a B-52 bomber hit the Empire State Building

in New York, then the tallest building in the world, killing 14 people. The first London Bridge was almost certainly con-

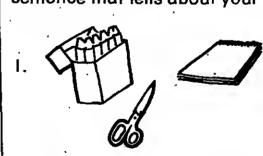
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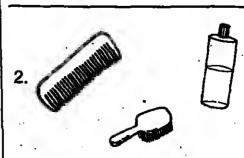
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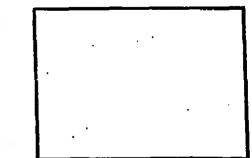
The world's largest theatre is in Perth, Western Australia, and can seat over 8000 people in froot of a stage covering 1150sq m (12,000 sq ft). The oldest indoor theatre in the world is the Teatro Olimpico at Vicenza in Italy, built in 1583.

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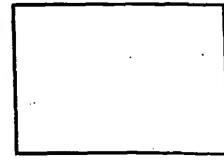


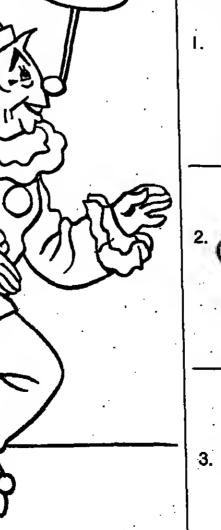


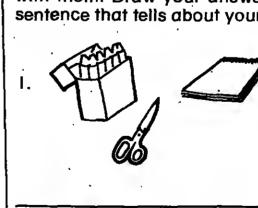




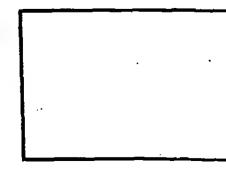












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your shoe. What did the jack say to

'Can I give you a lift?' -Why do we sing Hymns in

The Goops again



### VIDEO CORNER

## Quality short supply

#### By Shaun Seekins

GENE Hackmann and Dan Aykroyd are two of the most productive topline actors to Hollywood, and hoth have appeared io more than ooe release aiready this year. Alas quantity does oot always go hand io hand with quality, and with the exception of his role in this year's top Oscar winner Driving Miss Daisy, Aykroyd has starred recently in a lot of very mediocre comedies. this week seeks the release of a oew comedy starring both actors as a pair of mismatched cops. Loose Cannons teams Hackmann as a playfully crazy homicide detective, hving out of a suitcase, with Aykroyd as a geouinely crazy forensics expert who takes on a movie or TV personality's character when faced with a lifethreatening situation.

The case which throws them both together is also weird: a copy of a dated proon-film starring none other than Adolf Hitler and his boys has fallen into the hands of a dealer played by Dom De Luise. Unknown to him, the film includes footage which reveals a current high ranking European leader to be a war criminal. The latter has sent his henchmeo to retreive the film at any cost. The result is an action comedy which doesn't quite make it. Hackmano does his best and maoages to elicit a chuckle oow and then, hut Aykroyd is lucky to have at least some moments when he is oot downright embarrassiog.

I quickly moved on to Stella. Bette Midler's latest movie, thinking that at least here was an actress whose last four or five movies have all been pretty good. Alas, no improvement. Midler plays the good-hearted, well-intentioned lower class gal. whose pride and stubhornness reach new heights of stupidity, and ruin not only her life, hut that of her daughter and all who



Dan Aykroyd and Gene Hackman team up in the comedy thriller Loose Cannons

wish to give her a helping hand. This tired, and overused plot of the self sacrificiog womao worked a fairly well in the Thirties, hut surely today's morality requires a more realistic attitude.

Midler is a harmaid who has a daughter from an affair with a well-to-do medical student. She refuses to marry him and will not accept the financial help he offers. Professing to be the shining example of a strong-willed, self-reliant woman of the nineties, she forces her daughter ioto a situation where she has to suffer the ridicule of her class-conscious schoolfriends, and do without a lot of the basics. Stella even cuts herself out of her daughter's life for her own good', aod refuses to go to her wedding! Instead of appearing as the brave and oohle woman iotended oo douht by Midler, Stella will probably be seen hy most audien-

ces as a silly chump. Kylie Mioogue's cinema dehut at least didn't give me any great expectations, and The Delinquents turned out to be a predictable story of teenage love, with all the adults against the relatiooship, forcing the couple to run away time and time again, eventually resulting in Kylie ending up in a 'corrective institution'. The storylioe is weak and the script thin, hat never mind, with Kylie riding oo the crest of the wave, (9 top 5 single hits), there are sure to be enough young, curious and incurable romantics to ensure good rentals at the

video shops.

Jessica Lange has had two theatrical releases lately, and the first to reach Kuwait is Men Don't Leave, a much strooger and more realistic testament to the streogth of the American woman than Stella. When her husband dies, Beth Macauley is forced to sell the house and move to the city, where she finds work to support herself and the children. By concentrating on the finaocial aspects of ber problems, she begins to lose her teenage sons - one of whom seeks a more loving relationship and the other who turns to petty crime. Like 'Stella', she seeks inner strength to overcome her problems and ends up ao emotional wreck. Only when she begins to accept help from her oew boyfriend and son's girlfriend, does she realise that her attempts to protect her family unit were wrong, and that by opening it to encompass other cariog people she ultimately saves their relationship. Although somewhat sugary in parts.

Men Don't Leave is a well acted
and fresh look at the problems, facing families in today's America.

Mystery Train is the latest effort of cult film director Jim Jarmusch (Down By Law, Stranger Than Paradise). In another variation of his stranger-in-a-strange-land theme, he follows three groups of drifters as they pass through Elvis Presiey's home town of Memphis, linking them together as they all stay in the same flea-bag hotel. The first segment shows a pair of young Japanese tourists who wander through Memphis arguing about

the relative merits of Elvis and his cootemporaries. Io part two a pretty young Italian widow is trapped in Memphis hy airline problems, and afraid of the people she meets, checks into the hotel with a talkative stranger called Deedee. Both groups hear a mysterious gunshot in the hotel, which turns out to be the result of an argument between three drunken brits out on a pretty crime spree, one of whom ends up with a hullet io his leg following a night of arguments and discussions about old TV programmes. All three stories are quite entertaining, and the film offers a comie boous in the form of the hotel's night manager and Bellman. This week's best seller is Bangkok Hilton, a gond yarn about drug dealing in Bangkok's central jail. L. A Lawis back with a new series and sports fans can choose between new basketball, golf and Formula 1.

The above movies are hy courtesy of Video Club, Salmiya; VFI, Fintas/Farwaniya, and Video Naut, Salhiya Complex.

### **TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**

#### KTV<sub>1</sub>

9.00 Holy Quran 9.15 Kaola: cartoons Morning: 9.45 Good

magazine show 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite

(repeat) Al Sid Fi Al Hawa:

Arabic serial 11.00 Good Morning 11.15 Open University 12.15 Huwar Wa Nagham: prepared hy Khaled Bu Hamad, directed

hy lhrahim Kazemi. 1.00 News Summary 1.05 World News via

Satellite 1.30 Variety programme

2.00 Animal World 3.15 God's Creation: religious programme
3.35 Liqa Al Khamees:
local programme,
rouodiog up social

5.00 Sally:cartoon serial 6.00 Sane'a Al Sayoof: Arabic serial

7.00 With Students: educational 8.00 Kul Al Funcon: focus oo arts, presented hy Rasha Magdi

8.30 With Islam 9.00 News io Arabie

9.45 Al Rajul Wa Al Qataar: Arahic serial 10.45 Kuraakeeh: Arahie feature film, starring Salah Saadani, Athar Al Hakeem, Abdulah Faraghli, Nacema

Sagheer 12.15 Thursday's variety

show 1.15 News Summary 1.20 World News via Satellite 1.45 Holy Quran/Close-

#### FRIDAY

down

9.00 Holy Quran 9.20 Cartoons

PRAYERS:

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9.45 Hawalah Shaqawah: children's serial

FRIDAY

10.00 Variety 10.15 Children's Magazine 11.00 Ahadith Mauduwa:

3.13 at 11.47

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religious programme 11.15 Friday prayer 12.20 Colours; presented by

Fatima Abdulwahah 1.00 News Summary 1.05 World News via Satellite

1.30 Hadith religious talk hy Sheikh Mohammad Mitwalli Al Sharawi 2.15 Dard: Hindi film. Star-

ring: Hema Malini, Rajesh Khanna 5.00 Sally:cartoon serial 6.00 Kuwait in a Week:

weekly roundup of local news 6.30 Programmes reviewe 7.00 Water is Life: educational program-

8.00 With the Family

8.45 Weekly religious talk 9.00 News to Arabic 9.45 Al Rajul Wa Al Oataar: Arabic serial 10.30 Late night variety

11.45 World News via

12.05 Holy Quran/Close-

#### KTY2

6.00 Holy Quran 6.10 Police Academy: car-

toons 6.30 Mr Wizard's World: educational programme for young viewers, focusses on magic, illusions and scientific experiments. Wild America: "Wea-

Savage" 7.30 Muosters "Murder io Munsterland". Hermann believes a oeighbour has committed murder....Comedy.

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8.00 News in English 8.40 Beauty and the Beast: Vincent is captured and tortured; meanwhile Diaoa finds evidence against the killer. Starring: Ron 9.30 Bill Cosby Show: The Huxtables provide family entertainment in tonight's show.

Comedy. 10.00 Just for the Record: Record-breaking feats are captured on

camera for this show. 10.30 Thursday Night Movie: "On the Run". Starring: Rod Taylor, Paul Winfield. An eye witness is pursued by

12.00 News in Brief D'Ac-12.10 Magazine tualite/Closedown

## FRIDAY

6.00 Holy Quran 6.10 Popeye and Son: car-

6.30 Family Feature Film:
"The Waltz King". Set
in Vienna, this feature
film tells the story of the young Staruss in the 1880.

8.00 News in English 8.30 Breaking Away: a look at what's on in

Kuwait. 8.45 Glove TV: A Ticket to the World: glohal televisioo magazine show -- looking at the

global village.

9.30 Weekend: Special on elections; sneak preview, just for a laugh, a visit to the

Kuwait Blood Bank. 10.00 Tales from the Darkside: strange and hizarre stories are featured in this serial. Election fever is the theme of tonight's episode.

10.30 Wiseguy: "Day Four". continued. Geoeral Masters' plot against Vinnie and Frank comes to light. 11.30 News in Brief

11.40 Magazioe D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that Kuwait Television programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## Laughter: a serious business

laugh is something Dan Aykroyd takes very seriously.

thriller Loose Cannons, he plays police forensics experts Ellis Fielfamous friends to the joh.

ing the personality of, among others, the Wicked Witch of the West, I love Lucy's Ricky Ricardo and cartoon characters the Roadrunner and Popeye. To get himself ready for the role. Aykroyd - who was once a psychology studeot at Carlton

personality syndrome.

He says: "One case — a Loodon banker - weot off aod became Winston Churchill for three years. He really was con-vinced he was Churchil. So I took

that as a model. oically a multiple personality.

His approach was the same

Fifties and Sixties. He was playing the namesake newphew of the deadpan cop

pies on the show and we all laughed at that as well as at the way he talked," he says.

But the laughing had to stop

when it came to copying the style of the Jack (just the facts, ma'am'') Wehh.

learning to walk and talk like the original Friday. He studied 40 hlack-and-white and 25 colour episodes of the old series, watching them over aod over again. I carried a tape of Jack Wehb-

with me on the set and played it before every scene," he says.
"Jack would spin in his grave a few times if he saw the film." people laugh has made his bank

ple in the world.



Aykroyd (left) brings the Zany screen persona from hits like Ghostbusters to the semi-straight Loose

wife Doona Dixon was even pregnant. tt worked, Both Dao aod

manager one of the happiest peothay had oew babies. Donoa's Ghostbusters, which he also and Dan's daughter was born

Sigourney missed the Royal premiere of Ghostbusters II io froot of Princess Anoe because

Cannons co-starring Oscar winner Gene Hackman. cop just moved from vice to homicide and given Aykroyd as a

Playing a policeman is not a new experience for Hackman, who has clocked up more than 50 films in his 25-year career. His

arresting performance as Popeye

picture is real," he says. In Loose Cannons, Dom. DeLuise plays Harry Gutter-

> Though Aykroyd has had a hand in more of his scripts than oot, Losse Cannons is written hy a father-and-son team, Richard Mathesoo and Richard Chris-

Richard's first success as a film writer was back in 1957 with the Incredible Shrinking Man. Four-teen years later son Richard Christian became the youngest TV writer ever to be put under cootract at Universal. He was just 20 and still studying at university at the same time.

He cootributed to shows like

Knight Rider and BJ and the Bear. At only 23, he was made head writer on Quincey. He has since worked freelance to TV and films and has his first oovel due out soon.

Dan Aykroyd, meanwhile, is dreaming up and writing more screenplays of his own. And there are bound to be hig hits amoog them.

### **CINEMA TODAY**

Periman.

Hanafi Al Abaha (Arabic) Starring: Adel Imam, Huda Ramzi, Farouk Fishawi Al Salmiya

Al Raqassah Wal Siyaseen (Arabic) Starring: Nabila Obaid, Salah Oabil

Al Hautra The Rescue

Al Raqassah Wal Siyaseen (Arabic)

Hatya(Hindi) Starring: Govinda, Neelam Fahaheel Open-Air Dost (Hindi) Starring: Mithun Chakraborthy, Amala Al Fahabeel

Takkar (Bengali)

Al Khademah (Arabie) Thunder Run

Sulaibikhat Kireedam (Malayalam) Al Jleeb Raffoo Chakkar (Hindi)

Inteha'a Ayyuhal Zawaaj (Arabic)

FRIDAY

Al Jahra Hard Ticket to Hawaii C.H.U.D.

Al Jlech Gharana (Hindi)

tion. Phoned-in entries

will not be accepted.

**OICC Anniversary** 

June 8: 6.30 pm. IAC, Fun-airees. The Overseas Indian Cultural Coogress will celebrate its first anniversary at the IAC. K.T. Mohammad's social play "Depasthampum Mahashariam" will be performed. Chief guest is Indian First Secretary Abdul Khalique.

Kuwait Nomads R.F.C. June 7 (Thursday): 8 pm for 8.30 start. Oval Ball at Hunting and Equestriao Club. For details call R. Houston — 5658435; G. Adams — 5644533; S. Hill — 5391720.

Festival on ice June 1-24: Ice Capades present Festival oo Ice at the Ice Skating Rink. Two shows daily. Afternoon show features Bar-bie Doll. The evening show features figure skating cham-pions and exhibition show. Twenty world class skaters promise family entertainment. For reservations Tel. 2530000/

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oo Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays - Middle Eastern cuisine. Al Jawharah: Thursday special -- special menu; music by Rainbow Band. Al Berdowneh: BBQ oo Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

At the Meridien La Brasserie Restaurant Wednesday: Indonesian Corner, cuisine prepared in front of

Thursday: Jazz Night - jazz music, seafood specialities.
Friday: Oriental luncheon
buffet; family day.
Versailles: Business lunch and dinner featuring fondue; grilled food.

At the Holiday Inn Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop: hreakfast, lunch and dinner buffets - Continental and Oriental cuisine.

Al Andalus Supper Club: Arabic Nite, every Thursday; Arabie band entertains guests. Friday Family Lunch: Disney fantasy oo Fridays.

At Ramada Al Salam Al Bendar Coffee Shop: Arabic and Continental buffets, lunch and dinner; also a la carte; open 6 am to midnight.

Al Mawardy Open-Air Cale: open from 6 pm to midnight. Al Gandoul Grill Garden:

open after 6 pm; grilled food. Friday brunch: 12 nooo to 3 pm, ship discovery tour, entertainment for children and cartoon-strip characters.

At the Plaza: Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open huffet

Lolouwah Corner, snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

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amhience and cuisioe, particularly pasta.

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July 12: Coming up next month

is the Beat Festival featuring

such haods as Neighhuzz, Hurricace, Symphony. The show will be performed at the Anak Restaurant, opposite G.P.O. More details later.

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Sri Lanka holiday

June 7: The Sri Lankan embassy will be closed on the occasion of the 'Posoo' in Sri

# for Aykroyd

By Frank Durham

THE husiness of making people

ding who brings an entourage of Ellis, you see, has a peculiar disorder. Whenever danger threatens, he cops out hy assum-

In his latest film, the comedy

University to Ottawa - hit the textbooks again to study up on deviant behaviour and multiple-

Most people think I've played a really crazy person before hut io the Couch Trip I portrayed a guy who was pretending to be crazy. I've never actually played a guy who is tech-

"This is the wildest role I've when he was cast as Sergeant Joe Friday in the film Dragnet, a send-up of the TV series of the

who always seemed hilarious to the teeo-age Aykroyd. I used to watch his hust hip-

Avkrovd spent hours a day

Aykroyd's genius for making

The making of Loose Cannon co-wrote, was the higgest gross-ingcomedy of all time. It raked in

\$300,000,000 at the box office aod in video sales. For Ghostbusters II, stars Bill Murray. Sigourney Weaver and Aykroyd all gambied on a share of the profits instead of a salary. The film took \$160,000,000 in its first month in America and their payout was reckoned at about \$20,000,000 apiece.

But Aykroyd says he co-wrote the original blockhuster because he felt ghosts were being seriously oeglected in the cinema.
"Sure t believe in ghosts free-falling, full-torso vaporous

apparitions. I've seen them." So says the actor who is a member of several psychic societies and whose father was a medium. "My dad used to talk to

them," he adds mysteriously.

Aykroyd's seriousness is not

confined to his work. So keen

was he on becoming a father that

he converted a room of his luxury

Hollywood home into a oursery

and hired two nannies before his

just 24 hours before. Aykroyd, who is 37, says dishy Donna put an end to his wild bachelor days. He says: "She's changed me. The party days are

He was born oo a farm io Can-

ada and studied political science and criminal psychology as well as psychology at Carltoo. He was also active to the college's Drama The multi-talented Aykroyd, who has starred in a series of wildly successful films, was 20 when he first weot ioto show husiness produciog, co-writing and acting in a series of 15-min-

ute comedy shows for a private cable company.

Aykroyd, who had a major hit on his hands with Eddie Murphy in trading places, has added vet another string to his bow. In 1986 he made his first move into largescale producing with One More Saturday Night for the cable

Loose Cannons teams him with

Gene Hackman as Mac Stern, a

market.

woo him an Oscar in 1971. He already had ao Oscar comination to his credit for I

Doyle in The French Connection

Never Sang For My Father. Besides his Oscar, he has since clocked up an impressive record of a British Academy Award, several Golden Globes, a Cannes Festival Best Actor prize and a National Association of Theatre

Owners' award.

Loose Cannons was not the easiet film hehas ever worked on. tn ooe of the scenes shot on locauon in New York, he had to commandeer a bus in Times Square and crash it through traffic to get across town to Grand Central Station.

week when the temperature never dipped below 90 deg. Since oo-one could find an air-conditioned hus, he had to sweat his way through take after take in one that felt like an oven oo

Then it was over to Central

Shooting started at 5 am on a

hot summer day at the start of a

the terminal that could have dou-bled as a sauna. Next day, it was down into 105 deg heat in the subway tunnels. "All the sweat you see in the

Station and 15 blistering hours in

man, a fleshy porn peddler who helps Mac and Ellis in their investigations into a series of brutal

tian Matheson.

For if his approach to laughter-making is serious, so undeniahly is the size of his talent.

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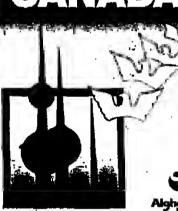
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## Genoa police chief confident he can control hooligans

GENOA, June 6, (Reuter): Genoa pobce chief Vito Mattera is confident that common courtesy, shrewd tactics - and 3,000 officers - will control any soccer hooligans passing through the city en route to World Cup matches in Sardinia.

Mattera will have his regular 1,000-

man force, plus 2,000 reinforcement of which 700 will patrol Genoa's port where ferries depart for Sardinia. "We have 30 years experience of

Italian soccer fans who are also quite lively. I don't think there will be any problems," he said yesIerday. About 10,000 English supporters

their violence, are expected to follow their teams to Cagliari for the June 16

and 7,000 Dutch, both notorious for

Mattera said up 10 5,000 English fans are expected to use the Genoa ferry, but added that to date only some 1,000 tickets had been reserved

for the passage by foreigners. Genoa police will segregate English and Dutch supporters at all times and swiftly escort them on to the ferries.

"There will be separate ticket offices on separate docks for separate ferries, and an appropriate number of police officers will travel with the

ferries," Mattera said.

If fans arrive by special train it would be switched to a track leading straight to the port area, Mattera said. Chartered buses would be escorted by police from the bighway exit to Genoa

Mattera said he was not worried

about the difficulties in keeping watch on fans arriving by car. "Hooligans always travel in groups so they can make trouble, never alone. So it will

be easy to control them." he said. Genoa police bave planned their operation with the co-operation of British colleagues for more than six

months. "It has been a team opera-tion. They have thught us much about the psychology of the hooligans' Mattera said.

But he insisted that all fans would be treated like invited guests unless they broke the law.

## W. Germany score 13 in the rain

## Dunga's injury worries Brazil officials

CALDARO, Italy, June 6, (Agencies): West Germany swamped local amateurs South Tyrol 13-0 in a rainswept practice match yesterday as they tuned up for the start of their world cup

Juergen Klinsmann, Rudi Voeller and Frank Mill each hit hat-tricks, while Uwe Bein, Hans Pfluegler, Karlheinz Riedle and Andreas Moeller scored one

Inter Milan's Klinsmann hammered home the first after only 26 seconds, a feat he would dearly love to duplicate on Sunday when West Germany face Yugoslavia in their Group D opener in his home San Siro

Klinsmann and Voeller departed at the interval when the score was 7-0. All bar defenders Stefan Reuter and Thomas Berthold were substituted for the second half to give acarly everyone an

Outing.

The match, which attracted 4,500 paying eustomers, was played under dull grey skies in a near-constant drizzle which for a while turned into a downpour. Team chief Franz Becken-

bauer declared himself relatively satisfied with the performance but noted his side had missed a lot of chances.

He said things would have to move 'like the devil' for defender Juergen Kohler to recover in time for Sunday's match from the torn knee muscle-fibre injury

he sustained on Monday.
The West Germans, feeling at home this week in the autonomous German-speaking province of Alto Adige (South Tyrol), move to their main first round base of Erba in the Lake Como area on Friday.

■ Brazilian midfielder Dunga aggravated a pulled muscle yesterday, injury that could force coach Sebastiao Lazaroni to change his defensive scheme for the team's opening World Cup

Brazil plays Sweden on Sunday in its first match in Group C. Dunga apparently pulled a muscle in his left leg during training Monday night and the injury

flared yesterday. The injury worried team officials, but wasn't considered

Team sources said striker Bebeto, who wasn't expected to start on Sunday, also suffered a pulled muscle in his right leg. But his injury wasn't as severe as Dunga's, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity,

The two players didn't practise yesterday afternoon, limiting themselves to light exercises in this city, 45 kilometres (30 miles) east of Turin in northwestern

Italy.
The team sources said initially that it appeared unlikely Dunga would be able to play against Sweden on Sunday because his injury is the kind that takes a long time to heal and can be easily aggravated\_

But Dunga, who is considered a key player in Brazil's defensive scheme, disputed that assess-

"I bope to be in condition to lay Sunday," he said later yesterday. "Tomorrow morning I will know more, hut I'm confident I'll play on Sunday,'

Dunga services as the main link between the defenders and the midfield under Lazaroni's

Observers speculated that Lazaroni might be forced to replace him with midfielder Silas, who would move up more on attack than Dunga, changing

Brazil's style of play.

Bebeto was likely to have started the game on the substitutes' bench with Lazaroni preferring Muller as a striker with Careca. Thirsty soccer supporters coming to World Cup games to

Palermo are in for a disappointment as the local prefect has banned the sale of alcohol in the city on match days to help reduce the threat of hoofiganism.

"The central government made it possible to make an ancient law banning alcohol operational again and the prefect decided to enforce it on these days," a spokesman for the local organising committee said yes-

terday.
The Sicilian capital hosts matches featuring Egypt, the Neth-erlands and Ireland.

The Dutch have a reputation for soccer violence and police here are clearly taking no chan-ces with between 8,000 and 10,000 Dutch supporters expected to come to the island.

They will be joined by over 5,000 Irisb fans and an unknown number of Egyptians, the spok-eswoman added.

eswoman added.

Czechoslovakia's World Cup
soccer squad bave lost the right
to vote in the country's first free

elections for 44 years.

The country's election law, drawn up since the overthrow of communist rule last year, makes no provision for citizens abroad to take part in the ballot on Friday and Saturday.

teams. I don't consider our

defense to be unusually rough or

The Argentine players com-

plained that Austrian defenders

fouled them repeatedly during a

1-1 draw in a hard-fought frien-

dly match in May. The Austrian coach is not con-

cerned that the expectedly strin-

gent refereeing in the upcoming World Cup could hurt his team.



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over Yugoslavia in a friendly match on Sunday.

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Marco van Basten. The timing of Gullit's recovery from a knee injury has some players and coaches predicting he could

the final.
"In respect to the other players, he was on his back for 11 months of forced rest during which he has

paper.

I think be will repeat what happened to Van Basten two years ago at the European Champiouship. He also had been reduced to a long period of inactivity by injury and then exploded in Germany. Gullit

Van Basten came back from multiple ankle injuries to score five goals in as many games and lead the Netherlands to the European cham-pionship in 1988.

Gullit's head coach at A.C. Milan in the Italian League, Arrigo Sac-chi, echoed the sentiment.

World Cup, predicted Sacchi.

Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker was more restrained and said he was worried by all the euphoria over the

worther by at the euphoria over the match against Yugoslavia.

"The results didn't interest me," said Beenhakker. "It is the progress in play that comforts me. Guilit, for



Hooligan leader

Paul Scarrot, the supposed leader of the English soccer hooligans, relaxing during a sightseeing excursion in Rome on Monday. Scarrot was deported from Italy on Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Gullit could star of Cup

him for almost a year and players and coaches say the timing of his return could make him the star of

Elated teammates, coaches and opponents hailed Gullit's perfor-mance in the Netherland's 2-0 win

leader, we no longer feel like orphans," Dutch defender Frank Rijksard told the Italian sports daily Corriere Dello Sport.

"Ruud needed such a game to convince himself he was back. If in

convince himself he was back. If in the Benfica match he was at 60 to 70 per cent of condition, at the World

emerge as the key player in this year's World Cup and boost the Netherland's chances of reaching

stored up a lot of energy," Yugoslav coach Ivica Osim told the news-

will do the same in Italy," said

"Rund will be the star of the

example, is only in the second phase of his recovery. He still lacks that winning blow, a goal. It is a question

#### Practice sessions

Tony Meola, first choice goalkeeper for the US Cup team jumps over a stick as part of a strength and power exercise during a practice session. Below, two Spanish World Cup team members practise ball control during a practice session. (Reutar wirephoto)



ROME, June 6, (Reuter): Ireland have the oldest squad of the 24 finalists at the World Cup and the United States bave the youngest, Fifa said yesterday.

The nine players aged over 30 in Ireland's 22-strong squad raised their average to 28.9 years. Only two other teams in the tournament, the Soviet Union and England, have squads with an

tournament's youngest player and only teenager at 19, have a youthful average of 24.2

## Andreotti rebuffs **Britain**

ROME, June 6, (AP): Premier Giulio Andreotti said yesterday he rebuffed the British Foreign Secretary's warning about possible attacks by Palestinian guerrillas at the World Cup by telling him to "think about your own fellow citizens."

Audreotti's comments, during a hrief reception for the Italian national soccer team, told reporters about his recent telephone conversation with British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd.

"A few days ago I spoke with the English Foreign Secretary who warned me about a Palestinian threat to the World Cup," Andreotti told reporters.

"I replied to the secretary," the premier continued, "that we would take care of the Palestinians, but he should worry about his own fellow citizens. It seems the English always have to drink beer before a game. It becomes necessary to surround them

with security."
Italian and English authorities have been co-operating on security measures in the Sardinian capital of Cagliari, where the English team will play its first-round

British authorities last month sent a list of known hooligans to Italian authorities, who have stationed 3,200 extra security forces in Cagliari. Yesierday, Italian auth-

orities deported a hooligan on the list who bad managed to travel to linly, on Monday, three English fans were fined \$150 and sentenced to 20-day jail terms after smashing furniture in their hotel room in Cagliari and stealing bed-

#### **Crowd support**

CORMONS, Italy, June 6, (AP): Spain has hired Italian soccer idel Paole Ressi and put up promotional billboards from Venice to Trieste in an effort to win crowd support for its World Cup matches.

But if Italian fans decide to back the Spaniards, it may be for more mundane reasons, like Mediterranean solidarity.

"They're just like Italians," said one middle-aged man after waiting two hours for the Spanish players to appear.

### Italian cooks take crash press conference at his team's

(Reuter): Italian cooks are taking a crasb course in traditional American cuisine so the United can start the day on pancakes,

Brazilian captain Ricardo Gomez runs through vertical poles during a training session (Reuler)

muffins and maple syrup. Cooks from a US Army base near the Americans' training camp at Tirrenia have taught the italians to prepare breakfast
American-style to make the
young squad feel at bome.
"But there was a bit of a cul-

tural gap," US Army spokesman Jeff Fry said yesterday.

"The Italian cooks kept asking us whether Americans really did cat all this for hreakfast. They thought they were things people ate for a sweet rather than for hreakfast."

The Italians, renowned for their diet of pasta and pizza, do not tend to go to work on a big breakfast. Bread rolls and jam normally suffice. "Once you get past hreakfast, Italian food is fine," Fry said.

"But we were asked to help give the guys something they were used to in the morning." The move is typical of the careful preparations the US have

made for their squad, whose ages average 24, ahead of tough first round group a matches against hosts Italy, Czechoslovakia and

The Americans, who have qualified for the finals for the first time in 40 years, are regar-ded as rank outsiders. But the players, who meet the

Czechoslovaks in their opening match on Sunday, have looked relaxed in training at the secluded Tirrenia camp, which is tightly guarded by Italian police armed with pistols and guns.

Referees at the World Cup finals have been given extra protection against sophisticated television techniques that could prove their decisions were

Fifa general secretary Sepp Blatter said yesterday host telev-ision World Cup broadcaster RAI had been asked not to use their advanced computer and video projections, known as Telebeam, during matches at the

"Rai has agreed that telebeam will only be used after matches are over," he said. "We must protect the referees. Anyway, you can't say that Telebeam is without errors." Rai has agreed that telebeam

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■ Italy is mobilising its spies to keep an eye on the World Cup.

The interior ministry said 10 agents from military and civil intelligence would be allowed into each stadium for matches during the month-long soccer tournament starting on Friday.

They and up to 40 plainclothes policemen would be engaged in 'activities of a secret nature," a statement said, in an apparent

reference to Italy's fears that terrorists could try to exploit the Artimino training camp outside of Florence yesterday'. "But our defenders play at the same level

Thousands of uniformed ieri will be on guard at stadiums in 12 Italian cities for the 52 matches. But the ministry ordered off-duty policemen not to turn up and try to get in free to watch

■ Austrian coach Josef Hickersberger does not agree with critics who contend Austria plays

rough.
"Our team plays hard, it's true," Hickersberger said at a



Stadium security

An Italian military officer stands guard with his Uzi submachine gun at tha Olympie Stadium in Rome. Security is tight at all Cup venues. (Rauter wirephoto)

## England deliver message to hooligans



Beardsley (left): scored Ihree goals

(Reuter): Steve MeMahon scored an own goal seconds into England's final World Cup

warm-up game yesterday.

But McMahon's goal was no accident — it had been planned by the England camp as a mes-

sage against hooliganism. Immediately after the midfielder beat reserve goalkeeper David Scaman in the match against a Sardinian selection, an announcement was relayed to the crowd of about 2,000 Violence

It said: "The message from the

England team to the supporters

of all countries is: Don't score

any own goals against football

during the World Cup this summer. Say no to violence." English FA delegation spokesman Jack Wiseman said: "Our message was aimed at the few who might act violently out of a misplaced sense of patriotism. No country needs that kind of On target for England in the 10-2 win were Neil Webb (3), Steve Bull (2), Peter Beardsley (3), David Platt and McMahon. Less than a dozen English fans watched the match, though more than 200 armed police and

carabinieri were in attendance. Sardinia, where England will play Group G games against the Netherlands, Ireland, and Egypt, is rated the most likely flashpoint for hooliganism during the first stage of the tour-

The 'own goal' stunt overshadowed England's victory which boosted morale after last Saturday's disappointing 1-1 draw with Tunisia in Tunis. With one exception, Gian-

franco Zola, the Sardinian select

team comprised a mixture of

semi-professional and amateur players from various Italian lower division clubs. Zola is a full professional at Napoli where he is the recognised

deputy for Diego Maradona.

with Bull and Beardsley both looking sharp and effective in attack against mediocre opposi-But Zola often proved to be a

threat and twice embarrassed Terry Butcher with his dribbling Manager Bobby Robson had chosen a team in which Terry Butcher partnered Mark Wright, his supposed rival for a central

defensive role. Wright, however, was forced to withdraw at halftime because: he had suffered a neck strain. Midfielder Steve Hodge sub-stituted, causing a reshuftle in the England rearguard. Refused

"Wright has ricked his neck," said Robson. "He has done it before and we are hoping it will not be anything serious."

Robson refused to be drawn by questions on his team selection. "I am still thinking about

## Irish oldest, Americans youngest

The Americans, whose midfielder Chris Henderson is the

The Red Sox won for the sixth time in eight games, staying in first place in the American League East. Earlier in the day, the League office suspended Boston manager Joe Morgan for three games, effective today, for remarks following last week-end's Brushhaek hattle in

The Yankees, trailing 5-1 after the first inning, made it 8-all with four runs in the eighth against Roh Murphy and Jeff Reardon

But Boggs, knocked down by a pitch from Erie Plunk (2-2), got up and led off with a drive that skipped past right fielder Jesse Barfield for a triple. On a 3-1 count. Reed hunted to the left of the mound and Boggs scored, making the Red Sox 4-for-4 in squeeze tries this season.

Blue Jays 7, Twins 3 Tony Fernandez tripled twice and drove in three runs and Fred McGriff homered last night, leading the Toronto Blue Jays over the Minnesota Twins 7-3.

Fernandez, who leads the Majors with six triples, got three hits and scored twice. He is 9-for-14 with three triples since moving from the leadoff spot to the second slot last Saturday.

David Wells (3-1); who replaced John Cerutti in the star-

ting rotation on May 21, gave up three runs on four hits, including homets by Gary Gaetti and Shape Mack, miseven minings. Roy Smith (4-5) took the loss.

Alan Trammell drove in two missand Cecil Fielder and Lloyd Moseby each got two hits as the Detroit Tigers used 10 singles to beat Cleveland. The loss was the Indians' sixth in their last nine

Dan Petry (5-2) gave up two unearned runs, walked four and struck out four in five-plus innings, reducing his ERA to 2.51. Edwin Nunez pitched four scoreless innings, allowing three hits, for his first save.

The Tigers scored ax tuns on in the singles of The Control of the sidered worth risking in a five-day match. But Hadlee, the world's leading Test wicket-taker, is in a (5-3); who lasted 3 2-3 inemes.
Mariners 10, White Sox 6

Jay Buhner hit a three-run double and Henry Cotto had an RBI triple and two-run single as the Scattle Mariners scored seven times in the fifth inning and. beat the Chicago White Sox.

Brian Holman (7-3) won his fourth straight start despite giving up six runs four of them earned, on nine hits in five-plus

Los Angeles Houston Cincinnati

## Thomas scores 33 points

## edge past Yankees Detroit beat Portland

June 6. (AP): Isiah Thomas scored 14 of his 33 points in a five-minute span after Portland had taken a 10-point lead last night lifting the Detroit Pistons to a 105-99 victory in the opening game of the National Basketball Association finals.

The teams both finished 59-23 in the regular season and each was 35-6 at home, with a split of

their two meetings.

Most of the opening game reflected that closeness.
Portland led 80-78 in the first minute of the fourth quarter, but

90-80 lead with 7:04 left. Twice before, the Pistons had rallied from donhie-digit deficits to tie the score, but they never led until Thomas took over.
He tied the score 94-94 with a

3-pointer with 3:40 left, then hit another jumper and another 3pointer to make it 99-94 with 1:49 remaining

The trail Blazers' offensive fell apart after the 4:54 mark, when a jumper by Buck Williams gave them a 94-89 lead. The Trail Blazers were outscored 25-9 in the last 6:49 and that included

five Portland points in the final 29 seconds. Thomas had 16 of the Pistons' points in that run and the Trail Blazers did not score on 10 of 12 possessions from when they led 90-80 until Terry Porter hit a 3-pointer with 29 seconds

The Pistons are now 10-0 at home during the playoffs, and if they can maintain that perfect record at the Palace, they will become the third franchise in NBA history to repeat as cham-

Game 2 of the best-of-7 series will be at the palace tomorrow



Thomas (eentre) and Kersey (right) stretch for the ball as Pistons' James Edwards moves back. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Americans take lead

MiLAN, Italy, June 6, (AP): The United States took a commanding lead yesterday in the men's standings at the eight-nation track and field

The US team piled up 60 points by taking six out of nine men's events on the first day of the two-day competition.
Second-place Soviet Union had 52 points and third-place France

World shot put record-holder Randy Barnes and jumpers Michael Powell and Hollis Conway led the US sweep at the arena in this north Italian city.

Barnes was 1.26 metres off the world mark he set on May 20 with his best last night of 21.86 metres.

Powell, the 1988 Olympie silver medallist, took the long jump with

7.95 metres. Conway, the US record holder, cleared 2.20 metres.

Other US wins were achieved by Nat Page in the 400-metre hurdles, by Jeff Williams in the 100-metre and by the US quartet in the 4x100 Page, who was timed in 49.29 seconds, edged Soviet Vladimir Budko,

who had set the season-best performance in 48.51, earlier this year. The Soviet Union dominated women's races with four wins in eight British javelin-thrower Fatima Whithread has vowed that a shoulder operation today will not prevent her from returning to top-line

Further surgery is also planned later in the year when part of her thigh bone will be slotted over the injury.

### **English county cricket results**

LONDON, June 6, (Reuter): Results of three-day English County Championship cricket matches which ended yesterday:

At Worcester: Worcestershire v Yorkshire match ahandoned. Yorkshire 222 in 66.5 overs and 106 for two. Worcestershire 288 seven points Yorkshire six.

At Horsbam: Lancashire beat Sussex by nine wickets. Sussex 235 in 97.1 overs and 108 (P. DeFreitas six for 39, P. Patterson four for 52). Lancashire 324 in 91.4 overs and 22 for one. Lancashire 24 points Sussex six.

At Leicester: Leicestershire v Hampshire match abandoned. Leicestershire 178 in 53.8 overs and 189 for five, (Lewis 40 not out). Hampshire 349 for seven declared. Leicestershire four points Hampshire eight.

At the Parks: (friendly) Oxford University v Glamorgan match abandoned, Oxford 218 in 79.2 overs. Glamorgan 388 for seven declared and 24 for one. At Ilford: Essex v Middlesex match abandoned. Essex 257 in 92.5 overs and 305 for three (G. Gooch 120, P. Prichard 56 not

out, M. Waugh 59). Middlesex 442 for two declared. Essex three points, Middlesex eight. At Bristol: Gloucestershire V Somerset match ahandoned.

Gloucestershire 381 for seven in 122.3 overs declared. Somerset. 225 in 73.5 overs and 158 for two, (S. Cook 81). Gloucestershire seven points, Somerset four. At Tunbridge Wells: Kent v

Nottinghamshire match drawn. Kent 275 in 91 overs and 276 all out, (G. Cowdrey 51, M. Fleming 102, F. Stephenson 6-84). Nottinghamshire 477 for six in 109.3 overs declared and 17 for three. Kent four points Nottinghamshire 318 for eight in 96 overs declared. Warwickshire five points, Northamptonshire

### **Scotland** win third tour game

NELSON, New Zealand, June 6, (Reuter): Scotland survived a rash of penalties to beat a comhined Marlhorough-Nelson Bays side 23-6 in the third match of their New Zealand rughy union tour today.

Two tries by winger Alex Moore and one each by number eight Graham Marshall and openside flanker Adam Buchanan-Smith were backed up hy the boot of fullback Peter Dods, who kicked two conversions and a penalty goal.

But of major eoncern to Scottish coaeh lan McGeechan would have been the 22 penalties awarded against his Five Nations Championship side, mainly for lifting in the lineouts and for off-

side play.
The slippery conditions did little to improve a scrappy game.
At halftime Scotland led 6-3 after a try to Moore, while home team flyhalf lan Stark kicked a penalty.

The second half saw greater Scotland enterprise, although they continued to infringe. The loose trio of Buchanan-Smith, Marshall and hlindside flanker Derek Turnhull were the key to a strong second-half performance.

However, the tourists will have to improve vastly if they are to match Southland and Manawatu in their remaining midweek matches. They won and drew in their previous two mat-

Teams: Scotland: Peter Dods, Alex Moore, Craig Redpath, Graham Shiel, Stewart Porter, Doug Wyllie, Greig Oliver, Graham Shiel, Stewart Porter, Doug Wyllie, Greig Oliver, Graham Marshall, Adam Buehanan-Smith, Derek Turnhull, Damian Cronin, George Weir, Paul Bur-nell, John Allan, Alex Brewster (captain).

Marlborough-Nelson Bays: Chris Trathen, Jack Keenan, Paul Phillips, Sonny Alesana, Brent Baxter, Ian Stark, Paul Karena, Willie Dempster (Todd Blackadder), Roh Avery, Rob-bert Jones, Frank Marfell (captain), Renee Reitveld, Ken Hart, Steve Berkett, Paul Nicholson.

■ In Sydney, experienced French centre Franck Mesnel failed a fitness test on an injured hamstring today and will miss the first rughy union Test against Australia on Saturday. - Philippe-Sella, who has also

been kept out of the first two tour games with a niggling groin injury, was passed fit and will partner Jean Claude Langlade in the centres after playing at fullback in France's second Test defeat of Australia last year.

French coach Jacques Fouroux, who said he was not prepared to gamble on two players with potential injury problems, named two dehutants in the pack for the first of the three Tests, Moroccan-horn flanker Abdel Benazzi and number eight Christophe Deslandes.

France — Serge Blanco (captain); Stephane Weller, Philippe Sella, Jean Claude Langlade, Patrice Lagisquet; Didier Cambera Henri Sanz; Christophe Deslandes, Abdel Benazzi, Érie Melville, Olivier Roumat, Thierry Devergie, Philippe Gallart, Louis Armary, Marc

#### Bridge ground before his announced retirement at The ingredients for an intriguing start to the three-Test series are there. glas starts training

Pistons' Dennis Rodman (centre) gives Thomas a hug. (Reuter wiraphoto)

**England bid for victory** 

Hadlee the key in first Test

England will not only be attempting to weather the guile of Hadlee hut also to end one of the most

miscrahle chapters in their history.
Since beating Australia in 1985, England have

lost successive home series to New Zealand, India,

Pakistan, West Indies and Australia with a lone one-Test victory over Sri Lanka hardly lighting the

But they showed distinct improvement in their

tour of West Indies where with a little less ill-fortune

they could have won instead of losing 2-1. Under the captaincy of Graham Gooch, england

showed a determination and confidence lacking in

recent years. The selectors have shown their faith by

including 10 from the West Indies tour in

There are few arguments with the other two, the

Lancashire batting pair of Mike Atherton and Neil

Fairbrother, the latter recently scoring 366 in a

But John Wright's New Zealanders, with recent

Without the presence of Hadlee, their bowling

Apart from Wright himself, they have the genuine

class of Martin Crowe, the grittiness of Andrew

Jones plus a superhly in-form Mark Greatbatch,

scorer of centuries in each of the two one-day

home wins over Australia and India, will provide

might not be regarded as any more than average, hut

their hatting has considerable potential.

tomorrow's squad.

stiff opposition.

internationals.

county ehampiouship match.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 6, (UP1): James 'Buster' Douglas has formally begun training for the first defence of his heavyweight boxing championship, although the date and opponent have yet to be decided.

Douglas, admittedly heavier than he was when he knocked out former undisputed champ Mike Tyson Feh 10 in Tokyo, said Monday night he has begun training that it will take him about two weeks go get back in the groove.



"It's a matter of my body get-ting acclimated back to the train-

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 6, (Reuter):

Richard Hadlee, though nursing a hroken bone in

his right hand and just a month away from his 39th birthday, could still be the key figure in the first Test between England and New Zealand starting

England, bidding for their first bome Test series

Suffering a mysterious thigh injury, Lewis joined

the 12-man squad in Nottingham but hopes of

making his Test debut will rest on a further fitness

Test and England may have to send for a late

His bowling appears unaffected by the injury and

"I hadn't thought of him not playing," admitted

Hadlee has a special incentive to be fit. He spent 10

team mate Martin Crowe has constructed a specially

reinforced glove including extra padding, lots of

New Zealand coach Boh Cunis, although the bone

was broken only 12 days ago, ironically by Lewis in

successful years in county crieket with Nottingham-

shire from 1977 and is sure of tremendous ovation

on what will be his last appearance on the Trent

tape and bits of steel to protect him when batting.

win since 1985, may not take a similar risk with their

class of his own.

new pace howler, Chris Lewis.

Hadlee, though, is irreplaceable.

the second one-day international.

Douglas will move his camp to

ing regimen," said Douglas, who hopes to fight No. 1 challenger Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas sometime in September. "After the first two weeks, it will be non-

Las Vegas Friday where he will take part in a Goodwill Games benefit and remain for the heavyweight double-header next week featuring Tyson and for-mer champ George Foreman.

"I don't foresee any problems with that," said Douglas. "Even there, training is going to be the No. 1 thing." "We've got work to do, no question," said J.D. McCauley,

Douglas' trainer and uncle. "But that's the way it should be when you open camp. He needed that vacation — he deserved it."

Douglas currently is in a legal

battle with promoter Don King over his contract with Douglas. The suit is scheduled to go to court in New York on June 26. Judge Robert Sweet of US District Court in Manhattan set the court date yesterday and will preside over the matter that has left boxing" heavyweight div-ision in legal entanglements since Douglas won the title more than three months ago. Douglas and his manager,

John Johnson, sued King, seeking to hreak the promoter's multi-fight contract with the heavyweight champion. The suit was filed Feh 21, 11

days after Douglas scored a star-



Douglas shows off his title bett. Right: King (right) with Tyson at the latter's birthday party last year.

tling 10th-round knockout of Mike Tyson in Tokyo to win the

opened a 64-56 lead with 7.39 left

The Pistons then scored on

Two free throws hy Kersey

and a fast-break layup and threepoint -play by Drexler then gave

the Blazers a 77-69 advantage

before they settled for an 80-76

Thomas scored 14 points from

the 6:49 mark until there was 1:49

remaining, giving the Pistons a 99-94 lead they never relinqui-

his leadership — the ability to take over," Daly said.

"The crowd really got into it and I got a hurst of energy from

somewhere," Thomas said. "I

was getting nervous when we got behind."

"One of Isiah's greatest gifts is

lead after three periods.

four layups and two free throws

in the next two minutes, tying the

in the third quarter.

score 66-66.

King filed a counter suit in New York in an effort to hold Dooglas to his contract. The spike-haired promoter is seeking more than \$75 million in damages from Douglas and Steve Wynn, owner of the Mirage Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

King has charged Wynn with interference for signing Douglas to a two-fight contract to defend his title in New York.

The suit was scheduled to be heard in Las Vegas last month but was shifted to New York because Sweet previously ruled on most of the issues. He says the only major point is whether King breached his contract by trying to help Tyson overturn his loss to Douglas. Following the Tokyo bout,

King protested on Tyson's behalf, contending Douglas received a long count when he was knocked down in the eighth round. Douglas and Johnson argue King acted contrary to Douglas' best interests.

In a contract signed Dec. 31, 1988, Douglas gave King exclusive promotional right to his fights for three years. The deal was to be extended if Douglas won the title.

Douglas had claimed King's contract with him was invalid in Nevada because the state does not allow multi-fight arrangements and the contract tied him to King for too long.

Sweet denied judgements on all those claims.



Eid Falah (right); wants to develop his driving skills

## Falah to attend UK rally school

KUWAIT, Twice Kuwait National Rally champion Eid Falah will be sponsored by Mariboro in an advance rally school in England next month. The Kuwait star will be joined by Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al Malki on the special two day course.

"This is a great chance to develop my driving skills", said 29-year-old Falah who has dominated rallying in Kuwait in recent years.

The school to be attended by the Arab drivers is run by Bill Gwynne who have previously trained such illustrious Arab drivers as Mohammed Bin Sulayem from Dubai and Prince Abdulla of Jordan. This year alone the Bill Gwynne School will train over 1,000 hudding stars.

"I plan to teach advanced skills for driving in

forest and tarmac which are not available in the Gulf," said Gwynne himself an accomplished driver.

Marlboro-sponsored Falah has in recent years developed a reputation as a driver of great skill outside of Kuwait, through participation in Marlboro Desert Challenge rounds in Qatar, UAE and "With the hreak in Gulf motorsport during the

summer, the timing suits me as a build-up to the BP 2000 Trophy, Kuwait in September," said Falah. The Kuwaiti driver will be behind the wheel of a

200 bhp Ford Escort during his visit to the UK, quite a change for his regular Mitsubishi Pajero vehicle. He leaves for London on July 10.

## Favourites tipped to reach 2nd round

ROME, June 6, (Reuter): World Cup favourites Italy, Brazil and the Netherlands should reach the second round of the finals from the group matches which last until

Sixteen teams qualify for the knockout section from the 24 finalists, who are divided into six

groups of four. The prospects in each group are as follows: Group A (Rome, Florence): Italy, Austria, Czechoslovakia,

United States. Hosts Italy head a group which at first sight looks to give them an

easy passage to the second round. But the Italians, who have a tight defence marshalled by libero Franco Baresi, have lacked a sharp attacking edge of late where they rely heavily on Gianluca

They could face problems in their first match on Saturday against lively Austria. The Austrians beat European champions the Netherlands 3-2 last week, using fast counter-attacks and the slippery skills of strikers Gerhard Rodax and Toni Polster.

Czechoslovakia, who have not been past the first round since they finished runners-up 1962, were missing organisation and flair in their recent warm-up mat-

The elegant, commanding and versatile Jozef Chovanec is likely

to be their key figure. The United States are regarded as rank outsiders hut they have qualified for the first time for 40 years and, with the tournament's youngest squad, feel they have nothing to lose.

Group B (Milan, Naples, Bari): Argentina, Soviet Union, Romania, Cameroun.

World Cup holders Argentina, who play the opening match of the tournament against Cameroun in Milan on Friday, are the group favourites but they may find it hard to produce their best outside South America. Much will depend on the genius of Diego Maradona.

Argentina's huild-up has been marred by problems in getting players together from their foreign bases as well as a chronic lack of goals which encourages

the hopes of the three rivals. The Soviets have kept faith with most of the players who reached the European Champion-ship final in 1988 and impressed in



Egypt'e Hisham Abdal Rasoul (left) arrives on crutches with a team-mate at Palermo airport today. Right: West Germany's Lothar Matteaus in action during practice. (Reuter wirephoto)

the Mexico World Cup four years ago. But they look past their peak and could miss powerful midfiel-der Alexei Mikhailichenko, who is injured.

Romania, who ousted Den-mark in a tough qualifying group, are fired with new patriotic enthusiasm after the country's revolution last December. Led hy playmaker Gheorghe Hagi, the Maradona of the Carpathians, who recently agreed to join Real Madrid, they could spring a few surprises.

Cameroun proved in the 1982 finals in Spain that they must be taken seriously. They drew with Italy and finally bowed out wihtout losing a match. Acrobatie goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Bell could frustrate the best, even Maradone.

Group C (Turin, Genoa): Brazil, Sweden, Scotland, Costa

Three times world champions Brazil are clear favourites though they could be pushed by Sweden, a technically solid side full of exiled players with wide European experience.
Brazil's unusually cautious tac-

tie of playing a sweeper behind the back four will almost certainly produce fewer thrills hut greater consistency, a quality not nor-mally associated with previous



and Thomas Berthold, will feel at

home and midfielder Thomas

Haessler, who joins them in Italy

next season, could emerge as one

Yugoslavia look the second

strongest and with players of flair,

like Dragan Stojkovic and Zlatko

Vujovic, should have little trouble

advancing.

Colombia, whose preparations were interrupted by death threats from a group seeking to cleanse

domestic soccer of drug money,

look to the attacking skills of Carlos Valderrama and the bold

goalkeeping of Rene Higuita. For the United Arab Emirates,

reaching the World Cup finals for

the first time is achievement

enough. Anything else would be a

Group E (Verona, Udine): Bei-

ium, Spain, Uruguay, Sonth

The battle for second round

places should be the closest of all

with all four confident of going

through, Seeded Belgium, semifinalists in 1986, are pinning their hopes on

winning their opening match against the Koreans, probably the

strongest of the World Cup

underdogs, and expect to over-

come Spain, whom they beat in the quarterfinals four years ago. They are boosted by the return

of the tournament's stars.

But midfield stars Valdo and Silas could provide the artistry to remind the fans that Brazilian players still have remarkable technical skills.

Sweden, not beaten by Brazil for 25 years, plan to continue the run and force a draw in the opening match. They hope striker Mats Magnusson can continue his free-scoring run with Benfica in the Portuguese League last

Scotland, as impredictable as ever, could qualify for the latter stages for the first time but only if they shake off a 'kamikaze' trait that has seen them score five own goals in the last eight matches. Costa Rica complete the group

ing the fragile Scots in the heat and humidity of Genoa. Group D (Milan, Bologna): West Germany, Yugoslavia, Colombia, United Arah

and have the advantage of meet-

Emirates. West Germany, losing finalists in 1982 and 1986, appear to have been dealt an easy assignment but they often make an indifferent

They have experience and ability throughout. Their five Italian-hased players, Lothar Matthaeus, Rudi Voeller, Juergen Klinsmann, Andreas Brehme

scorer of four goals against the Danes in the Mexico finals. Oscar Washington Tabarez, the Uruguayan trainer, believes his team, who boast a brilliant front-line partnership in Enzo

after two years in the doldrums.

he feared twice world champions Uruguay more than the Belgians.

His team has a strong midfield guided by Michel and Rafael

Martin Vazquez and a great

striker in Emilio Butragueno,

their Real Medrid team mate and

Spanish coach Luis Suarez said

Francescoli and Ruben Sosa. could go on to win the title provided they survive the group. South Korea are confident they will not leave Italy empty-handed and coach Lee Hoe-Taik has focussed on beating Uruguay, the side he sees as the weakest of his

Group F (Cagliari, Palermo): England, Netherlands, Ireland,

Egypt.
European champions the Netherlands should justify their stand-ing among the World Cup favourites by winning the group.

But they face a tough challenge from England, determined to make up for their dismal showing in the 1988 European finals, the obdurate Irish and the unpredic-

table Egyptians. In schemer-striker Ruud Gullit, recently returned after missing virtually all last season through injury, marksman Marco van Basten, the versatile Frank Rijkaard and libero Ronald Koeman, the Dutch have four stars who appear to be running into form at the right time under new coach Leo Beenhakker.

England, less sophisticated in tactics and technique, have great reserves of courage and stamina and also possess in Gary Lineker, top scorer in the 1986 finals, a match-winning striker. The form of enigmatic winger John Barnes, a world-class player at his best, could also be decisive.

Ireland's hopes rest on the solid teamwork installed by English manager Jack Charlton, who has led them to the finals for the first

Egypt, in the finals for the first time since 1934, recently beat Scotland 3-I in a warm-up match and have proved they have the strength and skill to spring a sur-





A nun examines World Cup T-shirts. (Reuter wirephoto)



squad of the Italian police during a recent exercise. (Reuter wirephoto)



Italian policemen stand guard in front of the Milan Meazza Stadium. (Reuter



A worker solders a crowd control divider at Rome's Olympic Stadium. (Reuter wirephoto!

### Sainz takes first place in Greece

ATHENS, June 6, (Reuter): Carlos Sainz of Spain steered his Toyota Celica turbe to victory in the 2,050-km Acropolis Rally today to become the new world championship leader.

Sainz clocked seven hours 34 minutes 44 seconds in the; rally's 48 special stages, 46 seconds ahead of Lancia's I Flying Finn Juha Kankun-nen Italian world ehampion Massimo Biasion, also in a Lancia, was third.

"This is the happiest day of my life. After winning the Acropolis everything is possihle including the world cham-pionship," Sainz said, "My car was strong and reliable and I never faced a serious

The 28-year-old Spaniard won 15 tough special stages over 625 kms of gravel roads. He dominated the four-day rally after the second day despite being hotly pursued by the two Lancias.

Sainz is the only Toyota driver ever to win the Aeropolis. He joined the Japanese racing firm in 1989. Lancia suffered a blow dur-ing the 29th special stage yesterday when former cham-pionship leader Didier Auriol of France was forced to withdraw after a rock on a humpy

crankcase. At that point he was fifth. Auriol's withdrawal sent Sainz to the top of the championship standings with 60 points. The Frenchman remained at 55 followed by Biasion with 44 and Kankun-

mountain road split his

Sainz's team mate Mikael Ericsson of Sweden, who recovered from a power steer-ing problem on Monday, was

Suffocating heat and dense dust over some of Greece's most formidable mountain tracks caused a large number of retirements with only 34 cars finishing out of 97-star-

Standings Leading placings after Wednesday's final stage of

the 37th Acropolis Rally: 1. Carlos Sainz (Spain) Toyota Celica turbo seven hours 34 minutes 44 seconds; 2. Juha Kankkunen (Finland) Lancia Delta HF 7:35:30; 3. Massimo Biasion (Italy) Lancia Delta HF 7: 37: 42: 4. Mikael Ericsson (Sweden) Toyota Celica turbo 7: 49:40; 5. Alex Fiorio (Italy) Lancia Delta

#### Lendi warms up for Wimbledon

LONDON, June 6, (Reuter); Ivan Lendl, battling against the British weather as well as his opponent, warmed up for Wimbledon yesterday with a higger and more powerful tennis

The world number one beat Australian Neil Borwick 6-1 6-1 in the second round of the Beckenham Lawn Tennis Championships but had to play through a downpour to finish his match.

Lendl's new racquet, higger in the head than the type he has used for most of his career, was designed to give extra power on grass and he said he was more than satisfied with it.

As the 30-year-old Cze-choslovak served for the match at 5-1 in the second set, the skies opened. The two played eight points in the rain before Lendl won on his second match point.

Lendl deliberately missed this year's French Open to concentrate all his energy on grass court play before Wimhledon, the only Grand Slam title that he has failed to win.

#### **Quest for Fame triumphs** EPSOM, England, June 6. (Reuter): Quest for shot Blue Stag, the mount of American Cash

Fame, a 7-1 chance ridden by English champion jockey Pat Eddery, gave first-season trainer Roger Charlton an astonishing classic double when he won the Epsom Derby horse race today.

On Sunday, Charlton, 40, a former stockhroker, saddled Sanglamore, ridden by Eddery, to win the French Derby at chantilly for the same owner, Prince Khalid Abdulla of Saudi Arahia.

trainer and owner have won both derbys in the same season and the first time a novice trainer has achieved such a feat.

Eddery and Quest for Fame were always prominent and won by three lengths from 8-1

Elmaamul (10-1), ridden by Willie Carson, successful last year on Nashwan, finished third another one and a half lengths away.

#### Results

Result of the English derby horse racing classic for three-year-olds run over 12 furlongs (2.4 km) today (value to winner 355,000 pounds sterling, \$596,000).

1. Quest for Fame 7-1 (ridden by Pat Eddery)

Blue Stag 8-1 (Cash Asmussen)
 Elmaamul 10-1 (Willie Carson)

4. Kaheel 33-1 (Michael Roberts)

#### It is only the second time in racing history a

18 ran. Razcen 9-2 favourite Distances: three lengths, one and a half

#### Wilander opts out

STOCKHOLM, June 6, (Reuter): Top Swedish tennis player Mats Wilander has pulled out of the wim-bledon tournament to be with his family following the recent death of his father, his hrother said today.
"Mats has other things to think

about than tennis right now. The whole family is going through a tough time. Besides he didn't practice much when our father was ill Anders Wilander told Reuters.

## Aouita undergoes surgery

PARIS, June 6, (AP): Said Aouita, five-time world-recordholding runner and gold medallist at the 1984 Olympic Games, said today he feels optimistic about his career after surgery on a nagging calf injury.

He will stay five more days in the hospital after his operation yesterday in Paris and hopes to be back in action by late summer.

"I decided to get operated on, so that I won't have any more problems before the next Olympie Games," Aouita said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press. "I'm tired of winning three races and losing five, just because of my calf problems."

## uster beats Ivanisevic for semifinals

PARIS, June 6, (AP): Thomas Muster overcame a self-inflicted crack on the shin and a rugged all-court attack from Goran Ivanisevic to reach the semifinals at the French

Open today.

Muster, the seventh seed from Austria, won 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 and will meet the winner of the last quarterfinal between fourth-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador and French qualifier Thierry Champion.

The other semifinal pits American Andre

Agassi, the third seed, against unseeded Jonas Svensson of Sweden. Muster, the Italian Open champion, slammed his shin with the racket so hard on the

second-set shot that he started bleeding, and was afraid more extensive damage might have "It hurt pretty bad," Muster said. Not enough to affect the outcome of his quarterfinal against the unseeded Yugoslav, who

eliminated Boris Becker in the first round. Agassi was a few days off to work on his designer stubble. Jennifer Capriati will be trying to roll up credits in a self-designated school course called Tourism 101.

When the beard stops growing and the buses stop rolling, then the two young Americans will find themselves one step ahead from the finals of the French Open. Agassi out-powered Michael Chang, strip-



Muster celebrates his victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

ping the 18-year-old of his men's title with a 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 display of muscle yesterday. It earned the glitzy 20-year-old from the Las Vegas strip his second semifinal berth

here in three years and fourth in Grand Slam events. Agassi is 2-0 against Svensson

with a 6-2, 6-4 victory yesterday over seventhseeded Mary Joe Fernandez. The match lasted about as long as a math class and added up to 30 — the combined ages of the 14-year-old Capriati and the 16-year-old Seles, who meet in one of the women's

Capriati kept her marks in Paris perfect

semis tomorrow. Seles, the second seed, stretched her win-ning streak to 30 matches but needed all her ability to do it. Two points away from defeat, she rallied to beat Manuela Maleeva 3-6, 6-1,

Top-ranked Steffi Graf and Jana Novotna meet in the other women's semi. Graf, who like Capriati has not dropped a set in the tournament, beat ninth-seeded Conchita Martinez 6-1, 6-3, while Novotna defeated Katerina Maleeva 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

The Agassi-Chang match lived up to its billing — two power-punchers pounding away, sending up clouds of dust from the red clay with their shots.

"I think there has been a hig improvement in my game," Agassi said. "I am now physically capable. I don't need to panic now

and just go for big shots. I see more clearly what I want to accomplish out there."

## England 'keeper

CAGLIARI, June 6, (Reuter): England's 40-year-old goalkeeper because of a jarred knee, joining a growing list of casualties.

S.African sports

BARCELONA, Spain, June 6, (Reuter): African Olympic committees agreed today to meet South African sports organisations in August to discuss conditions for readmitting South Africa to the

Havelange stays
ROME, June 6, (AP): A Fifa congress today re-elected Joao
Havelange of Brazil to another fouryear term as president of the world soccer federation. 1996 Olympics

BARCELONA, Spain, June 6, (Reuter): Atlanta won the right yesterday to be first to present its case for hosting the 1996 Summer Olympic Games to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

LONDON, June 6, (Reuter): Man-chester United signed their football association cup replay goalkeeper Les Sealey on a free transfer yester-

Free transfer

Split draw MELBOURNE, Australia, June 6, (AP): Goran Vucevic scored in the

60th minute today to give Hajduk Split of the Yugoslavian First Div-ision a 2-2 draw with the Australian naulonal soccer team at Olympic

Legal action
BRUSSELS, June 6, (Reuter): The
Belgian Soccer Federation is to take legal action over allegations that World Cup referee Marcel van Lan-genhove took bribes in a European Cup semifinal, a federation spokes-

man said yesterday. Romania win

ANDRIA, Italy, June 6, (AP): Gavril Balint and Marius Lacatus scored in the final 10 minutes to give Romania a 4-2 victory over a Third Division Italian Club yesterday evening in a World Cup warmup match.

**Sheraton Bridge** 

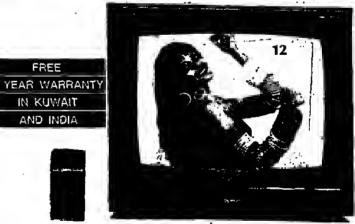
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